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Loads of Luck to you in the future.
Fred Meyer.

Orchestra: I certainly enjoyed being at the same stand with you in orchestra even if it was only for a semester.
Lois Ellen Blucher

Here's hoping for all the success and happiness possible.
Bob Williams

Ditto
Bob Phillips

Dear Beth!
Remember the swell times we had in grade school.
Best of luck
Maida Millar

There isn't much room left, so it will be short, and I hope, sweet. May the best of luck be with you. The three of us have had a lot of fun together.
Love, Louise
1/4/41

Best of luck in the future,
Beth

Alice Yagle
"41"

To a old friend and classmate I wish you all the happiness and success that any one person could have.
Betty Lou Boyle
Sept

Dear Beth
Well here's wishing the best of Luck and Real Happiness. Well see you again sometimes I hope. We did have fun—and no harm done so thanks for the memory.
Rem. U.S. Hist. Hum—
Gene Shattuck
An Old friend

Dear Beth:
THIS CLASS IS REALLY ABOUT THE best one in SCHOOL, Don't YOU think? I've enjoyed KNOWING YOU And I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER ME A BRICK IN YOUR FIREPLACE OF FRIENDSHIP.
YOUR FRIEND OF LIT. & H.M.
Irene Fingerucker

Dear Beth,
As Miss Carlson would say this is very "Trite" but it still sounds good.
Good Luck + Lots of it,
Dot Deis

Good Luck in the future. Marjorie Lundberg Gondar I

Lots of luck to you - Bob Severson

Dear Beth I hope you have loads of luck in the future. Please pardon this awful pen & my writing and spelling cause I'm a senior and am letting down the last two days of my education. Pat Armour

Just a line in time to say you are fine. George Ramsey

Good Luck Carlton Lindberg

Hello - Don't forget me. Ruthann Heath

Best of Luck is kind of a hackneyed sentence but I wish it to you anyhow - "Franie" Baumgard

Dear Beth - To a swell kid in home management - Have often admired your beautiful hair. Cleo Hall

Dear Beth, Remember me as a pal in orchestra. I wish you luck in the future. Edith Millhouse

The very best of luck to the best woman driver I know. Bud Rudolph

I wish you all the luck in the world, Beth. Gloria Baumgard

Best Wishes, Sincerely Howard Carafotes

Best wishes for the future Beth. Barbara Raup

I'm glad I "saw" "mi" ever read "How" when you see "If" Carlyle Mong

Dear Beth, Don't forget H. Management - Jean Peterson

My Dearest Beth. It is breaking my heart to leave you. the tears are streaming down my cheeks. I will always keep you close to my heart. Best Wishes Arthur Hillaber '41

Doris L. Johnson "Johnny" '41

Dear Beth, Because we have had such good times in gov't. class and at city council meetings, I hope that we will be friends for many years to follow. Wishing you success, Don Carpenter

Marion Kilsby Orchestra

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WISHING YOU A
HAPPY FUTURE.
NEAL HILDEBRAND
H.R. 316.

Dear Beth,
All I can do is
wish you the best
of everything.
And
So
Best
Connie White

Dear Beth,
It's been nice of knowing you
& hope I see you next semester
room 316
John Carlson

Best
I wish you all the success in
the world, and hope you may always
be happy in the future.
Bud Hidley

Dear Beth,
Lots of luck and happiness
in your future life.
Virginia Gray

Dick Shattuck - remember
dinner at 8.

Dear Beth,
It has been fun
knowing you in
Orchestra and Lit. II
Best of luck and happiness
Barb. Tacey

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Well "Liz".
I suppose I could fill up a lot space with sentimental tosh all about junior high school and home-room picnics etc., but in-stead I'll just wish an early + happy marriage to one swell girl.
Dick Buchanan

Here's to a fellow orch. member
I wish the best of everything everytime everywhere to you.
Warren Stuelson
6/3/41

Ex Libris

Dear Beth,
Remember the wedding? I never will forget all that music and such. It was fun. I hope we will continue to bump (not to hard) into each other throughout our lives. May all the success and happiness there is be yours for the asking.
Good luck to Orchestra; you keep up the good work.
George Carmichael

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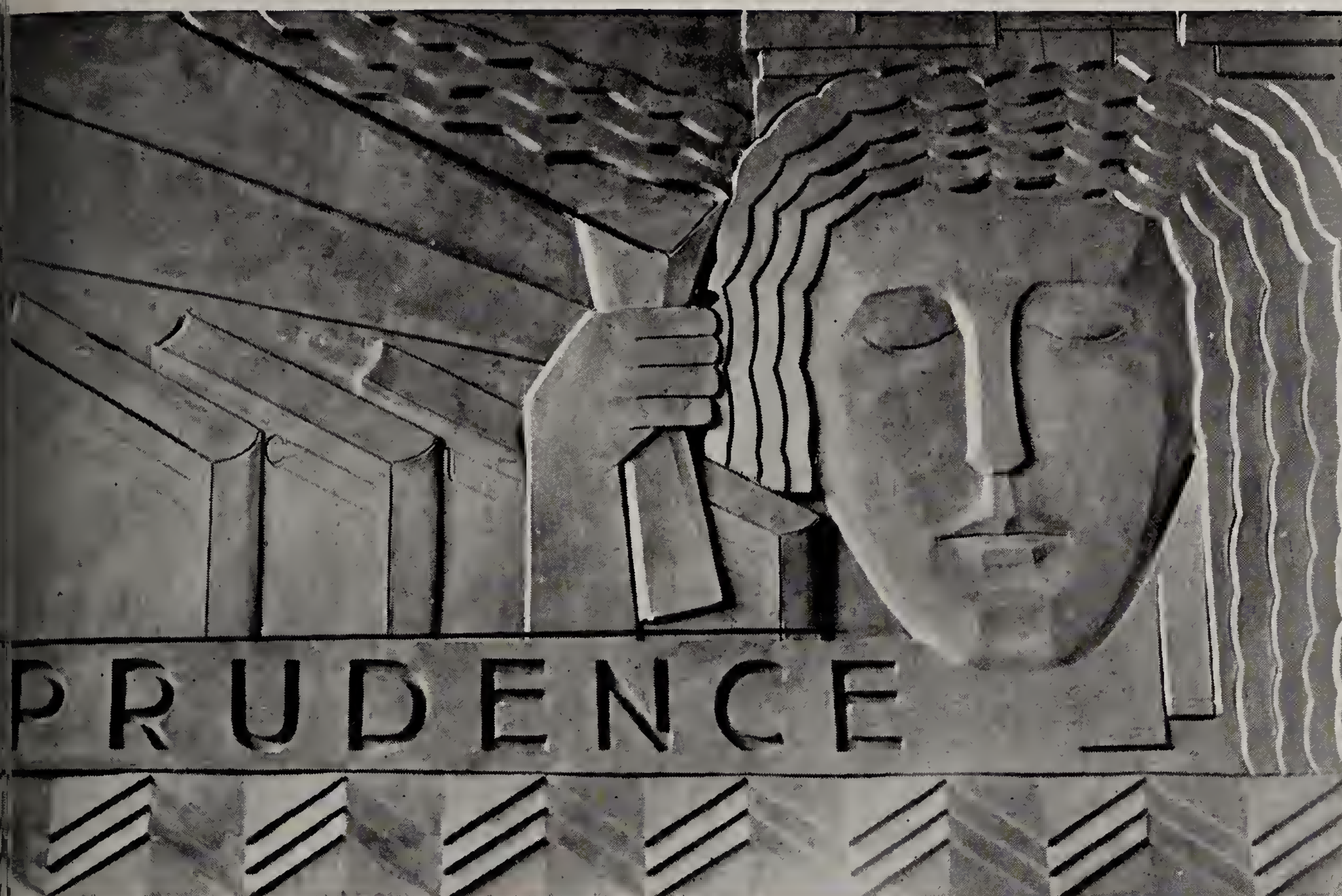
Dear Beth,
We sure have had fun in our Jr. W. C. — and Mapes wedding — But as long as I'll see you next year, I'll just wish you all the luck in the world — you're a grand girl and I love it.
As ever, Nancy Williams

Tom C Honall

Beth Corbridge May 29, 1941



Beth,
Best future wishes
Bill Tretz

Dearest Beth,

Here's wish you a lot of luck to a good looking girl
Joe Carone

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Best of luck to you Beth. I have enjoyed knowing you. We did have lots of fun in home management.
Norma Johnson
"Snooks"

Best wishes for the future to a very sweet girl and may your happiness be as great as mine is
Pat Packard

Foreword

Dear Betty It really has been nice knowing such a sweet girl as you, Betty, and always stay that way. I can remember your first year at Central

The building of the three new schools marks another mile-stone in the progress and development of the city of Rockford.

Under the constitution of the State of Illinois, each community is charged with a duty of furnishing the necessary facilities to the end that all children may receive a "good common school education." It is, therefore, not only the duty of the Board of Education in each community to provide a good common school education, but it is the mandatory duty of each citizen to see that it is provided.

What is meant by the words "good education" is very difficult of definition. It necessarily changes with the times, progress, and each generation.

In these times, it has become necessary to include in the schools, not only the facilities whereby one can acquire the ability to think, but also the ability to do. In other words, it is expected of the schools that the boy and girl be prepared for his other life work. In our new schools, I believe each boy and girl is given full opportunity of receiving a good common school education according to the modern definition.

The building program that was completed in 1940 is the result of the normal progress in the city and was foreseen as early as 1930 when the Board of Education at that time made a detailed survey of the City of Rockford for the purpose of laying out a twenty-five year school program. The location and size of the new schools were foreseen by that Board as is shown by the recommendations made in their report at that time.

The necessity for the new schools had been acute for a number of years. When the opportunity presented itself by having funds made available for that purpose, it became the duty of the Board of Education to build the schools. The planning, building, and furnishing of the new schools has been the result of the finest type of co-operation between all involved, including the citizens of Rockford. All of the persons and organizations concerned with the building of the new schools have worked toward but one end. That has been to provide the best facilities possible for all of the children of Rockford.

As president of the Board of Education of the City of Rockford, I hope that the West Senior High school will continue to serve the purpose for which it was dedicated: "That every schoolhouse, both old and new, in Rockford and in the whole land, bring to the younger generation the precious legacy which is theirs, to the end that Democracy may live for all time."

(Standing, left to right) Mr. Hugh D. Tolmie, superintendent of buildings and grounds; members, Adolph H. Seise, Carson H. Porter, Peter Perrecone, Archie Richards, William I. Engberg, William F. Schmeling, Tauge S. Lindquist, and David Hoffman; (seated) Charles H. Davis, attorney; Mrs. Frank E. Johnson, member; Mr. Selmer H. Berg, superintendent of schools; President Welsh; Mrs. Marie L. Sheehe, secretary, and Miss Vera Walling, chief clerk.

SCHOOL BOARD

The fifteen people shown above assembled in their meeting room in the Board of Education building direct the destinies not only of West high, but of all the public schools in Rockford. Under the leadership of Mr. Carleton K. Welsh, president, most of the present Rockford Board of Education has for four years guided Rockford's schools.

By far their most important act during this term was contracting for and supervising the building of East and West Senior high schools and Washington Junior high. Taking advantage of an offer of Federal assistance, this group of people launched the three million dollar building program that resulted in the addition to the school system of the three ultra-modern educational plants.

Listed on a plaque in each of the schools are the names of those who were responsible for financing, planning, and constructing the buildings. The inscription on the plaque reads: Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration; John M. Carmody, Federal Works Administration; Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States. Board of Education: Carleton K. Welsh, President; Mrs. Marie L. Sheehe, Secretary; Archie S. Richards, Mrs. Frank E. Johnson, William L. Engberg, Adolph H. Seise, Carson H. Porter, Peter Perrecone, William F. Schmeling, Tauge G. Lindquist, David G. Hoffman; Selmer H. Berg, Superintendent of Schools; Hugh D. Tolmie, Director of Buildings; Gilbert A. Johnson, Architect; Jesse A. Barloga, Consultant.

For determining the sites for the new buildings the group was indebted to an earlier Board of Education, headed by Mr. Frank Jensen, former superintendent. Foreseeing that at some time in the future the city would need new schools, this board set aside part of its income for the purchase of three plots of land. It is on this land that the new schools are located.

In the hall inside the main entrance is found the plaque, really West's cornerstone, which will serve to remind all students in the future of those who helped to make this building possible. The plaque is of interest to present students as well and they often pause to look over the list of names as have the officers of the student council in picture at right.

JAMES E. BLUE, M.A.

Principal

Taking over with his usual spirit of enthusiasm the task of organizing the new school, Mr. Blue has worked efficiently, and energetically.

Dedicated to

Mr. James E. Blue, who having become principal of Rockford Senior high school in 1929, has for twelve years had as his aim, the maintenance of the best traditions of secondary education in the Rockford schools. With the division of the schools, he was appointed to direct the destinies of West high from the principal's office. In taking over this position, one of Mr. Blue's first duties was the selection of a curriculum which would include all the standard courses as well as reflect the newest trends in education. It was then necessary for him to choose a personnel who would be equipped to give the proper instruction in these courses.

When the school year is under way, Mr. Blue's administrative activities include the coordination of all school activities, as well as the giving of advice to faculty members and students. He is always interested in extra-curricular activities and is ready and willing to take part in a club meeting, chaperone a dance, or give words of welcome to a group at a conference. Another of his duties which has grown from the new facilities at West is the making of announcements over the public address system and the direction of the system's use.

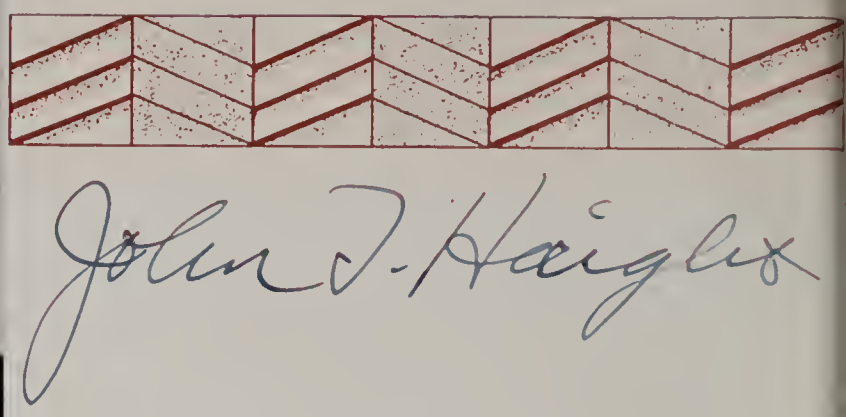
With its modernistic pillars making the school seem literally a temple of learning, the main entrance has come to be almost the symbol of West high. Even more symbolic are the bas-reliefs which stand for Wisdom and Culture and the life-size plaques representing the Muses, Athletics, and the handing down of the Lamp of Education from generation to generation.

On coming through the main entrance, one is first impressed by the beauty of the library, with its two fluorescent-lighted showcases which contain so many interesting and timely exhibits. This is the true center of West, socially as well as scholastically, for the library and spacious entry are ideal spots to meet friends and discuss the happenings of the day.

HARRY W. KROLL, M.A.

Employment Director
Industrial Department

Receiving an average of twenty phone calls a day, Mr. Harry Kroll, West's employment director, has been successful in securing jobs for three-fourths of the boys graduating from trade shop courses. Besides these, he has placed nearly all of the boys and girls who have applied to him for full- or part-time work in stores, homes, or offices. Desiring to fit as many West high graduates as possible into their proper occupations, Mr. Kroll encourages pupils to talk to him about their vocational questions.



JOHN T. HAIGHT

NYA Director
Commercial Department

Throughout the twenty years in which he has had charge of the band, monitors, and NYA work, as well as teaching in the commercial department, Mr. John T. Haight's friendly philosophy has won him the admiration of everyone. This year, as director of the school's NYA program, he has helped many students to obtain a high school education by giving them part-time work in the school. Mr. Haight's efforts have also been responsible for the monitors' efficient work in keeping order in the halls.

FLORENCE M. FOSTER

Registrar

As registrar of West high, Miss Florence Foster keeps accurate tab of a student's record from his first day at school, when he registers with her, to the day that she issues the report saying that he has enough credits to be graduated. Her records follow a student even after graduation, being often referred to by prospective employers and college officials. In spite of her many duties, Miss Foster seems always to find time to answer a student's question or to chat pleasantly with a teacher or alumnus.

ARTHUR W. LUNDAHL, M.A.

Assistant Principal

Mr. Lundahl's duties as assistant principal and dean of boys are many and varied, since they include the assigning of lockers and adjustment of classes, at the beginning of the semester, as well as issuing admits and giving advice to boys who ask for it. In addition to these regular duties, he serves as adviser to the student council and acts as business manager of the West high school athletic association. An active member of the Kiwanis club, Mr. Lundahl believes that the year's most foolish fashion is the wearing of furs in summer and toeless shoes in winter.

A. W. Lundahl

HAZEL G. PUTNAM, B.A.

Dean of Girls

The most important of Miss Putnam's duties as dean of girls are checking girls' attendance, issuing admits, and giving advice to girls who have problems. Besides discharging these duties, she teaches Latin, enforces the school's points system that no student may hold too many offices, and acts as adviser of the National Honor Society, making the arrangements for the society's impressive induction ceremony in May. Miss Putnam has traveled throughout America; the scenes which have most impressed her have been the New York skyline, Boulder Dam, and the view from an airplane ten thousand feet above the earth.

Besides being one of the showplaces at West, the office is also the school's busiest spot. From this bright, modern room, one whole day is directed, from the ringing of the first bell to the after-school ticket sales; yet, in spite of their many duties, Miss Johnson, Miss Denney, and Miss Carlson find time to answer cheerfully the students' questions.

Since Miss Florence Foster has been keeping records of students' high school careers since 1902, she knows literally thousands of RHS alumni. Mr. John T. Haight has charge of the NYA program through which students are given work in the school so that they may continue their educations. Mr. Harry W. Kroll, West's employment director, places applicants in jobs in homes, factories, or offices throughout the city.

Our Personnel

The faculty and student body of Rockford high school, backed by the support of the Boards of Education and the interest of the parents and patrons in the educational welfare of their sons and daughters, was largely responsible for the fact that, throughout a period of some fifty-six years, Rockford high school contributed to the educational needs of youth and the general welfare of the entire city. During this period, Rockford high school built up and maintained throughout the nation an enviable reputation for its comprehensive educational program, its high standards in classroom and extra classroom activities, and its excellent traditions and ideals. West High School, although housed in a new building and limited in enrollment to the students residing west of Rock River, is especially fortunate in the personnel of its faculty and student body. Many faculty members who assisted in introducing and maintaining the comprehensive educational program, the high standards of activities, and the traditions and ideals of Rockford High School chose and received assignments in West High School. These faculty members, together with a few new teachers added, will continue to promote the educational welfare of the youth of West Rockford and through these youth the general welfare of the entire city. The personnel of the West High School student body will continue to take advantage of the educational program offered, will maintain a high standard of performance in classroom and extra-classroom activities, and will preserve and improve the traditions and ideals inherited from Rockford High School. The personnel of the faculty and student body of West High School will not only seek to preserve the best, but in addition, to improve the best wherever and whenever possible.

James E. Blue

Dear Beth - Really enjoyed having you in class. Don't Let the friendship here — Best Luck miss Alberstett

WEST TEACHES US

Gene Alberstett, B.E.
Social Studies

Helen Barlass, B.A.
Mathematics

Glen Batesole, M.A.
Mathematics
Athletic Association Ticket Supervisor

Elsie Beatty, M.A.
English
A.B.L. Adviser

George Berg, B.E.
Industrial

Charles A. Beyer, B.A.
Physical Education Department Head

June E. Bornor B.C.S.
Music
Orchestra Director

Etta N. Brown, B.A.
Mathematics
Sophomore Adviser

Mary H. Brown, B.S.
Social Studies
Department Head

Miss Alberstett, who belongs to many clubs, enjoys the wide variation of ideas, customs, speech and life among sections of the United States. . . . Miss Barlass, an admirer of Raymond Gram Swing, misses her former opportunity to do errands on the way home from school. She was born in December. . . . Mr. Batesole, like many men, dislikes the women's hats. He is always attracted by Mother Nature and her wonders when he travels throughout the country. . . . Miss Beatty has no favorite musical composition but enjoys each according to her varied moods. She appreciates most in a friend, sincerity and loyalty. . . . Mr. Berg appreciates frankness and honesty in his friends. Among classical numbers, "Carmen" is his favorite, while Carl Sandburg is his choice as a poet. . . . "God Bless America," Edgar Guest and Paul Muni are Mr. Beyer's favorites among songs, poets, and actors. He is a member of the Rotary club. . . . Mr. Bornor is an active member of the Rotary club. He believes that, in order to be a true friend, one should be sincere in his relationships. . . . Miss Etta Brown, a member of the Rockford Woman's club and the Duplicate Bridge group, misses the blackboards of the old Senior high school. . . . Another member of Woman's club, Miss Mary Brown, who considers John Barrymore the greatest living actor, appreciates most in a friend, loyalty and responsibility.

William Campbell, Erma Richards, and Richard Conklin are arranging in their proper alphabetical order the cards in the library catalog. Because of the division of the old school's catalog, new cards are being typed by Arlene Wessels, library clerk, while other students fill out the file.

READIN', WRITIN'

Jean Campbell, M.A.
Science
G.A.A. Jr. Adviser

Mary I. Carlson, M.A.
English
Forum Adviser

Theodora Coxon, M.A.
English

Thomas F. Crull, B.A.
Science

Mildred Currier, M.A.
Physical Education
G.A.A. Adviser

Floy Dentler, Ph.B.
Art
Art Club Adviser

Lois A. Dilley, M.A.
English
Department Head

Anna E. Driebusch, M.A.
Foreign Language
Latin Club Adviser

Isabelle Duffey, B.A.
English

Miss Campbell is an active member of the Northern Illinois Science Club and also Delta Kappa Gamma. She enjoys listening to Boake Carter. . . . In Europe, Miss Carlson was impressed most by the leisurely tempo of life there as compared with the hyperactivity that is known in America. . . . Seeing other teachers "down around the office" is what Mrs. Coxon, a member of Mendelssohn and Delta Kappa Gamma, misses most in the new school. . . . Mr. Crull, a member of a Bridge Club, chooses Carl Sandburg, poet, and Walter Hampden, actor, as his favorites. He appreciates loyalty in a friend. . . . Miss Currier thoroughly enjoyed the movie "Kentucky." As she has traveled throughout the nation the varying characteristics of the people of different localities have impressed her most. . . . A member of the Rockford Art Association, Miss Dentler, whose birthday comes in April, is among the many who miss meeting old friends at Central. . . . Miss Dilley, who was born in the merry month of May, belongs to the Art Club, Woman's Club, and A. A. U. W. She chooses H. V. Kaltenborn as her favorite newscaster. . . . Miss Driebusch's favorite among musicians and novelist are Fritz Kreisler and Thomas Mann, while Tederico Garcia Lorca, a Spaniard, is her best liked poet. . . . Unselfishness, broad-mindedness, and a sense of humor are the qualities which Miss Duffey expects in her friends. Thomas Mann is her favorite novelist.

During the two weeks that the news-writing students discussed the newspaper in Composition II classes, Peggy Bartling and Richard Shattuck (right) spoke to Miss Dilley's class. Shown with them as they discuss newspaper work is Marshall Wiley, who served as editor of the Owlet, a newspaper written by the class.

SCIENCES AFIELD

Allen T. Elmquist, M.M.
Music
Band Director

George Fell, M.S.
Science

Isabel Fisher, B.A.
Foreign Language
Department Head

Ruth S. Foster, B.S.
English

Pearl L. Geddes, M.A.
English
Curtain Club

Mildred Greenlee, M.A.
Social Studies

Henning E. Hanson, M.S.
Science
Photography Club

Amy I. Hollem, M.A.
English
Honorary Music Society

Serena Holmin, B.S.
Home Economics
Social Arts Club

Bryce Canyon and Sequoia Gigantia are two places that have impressed Mr. Elmquist in his travels. He prefers the clothes of yesterday to those of today. . . . During his travels, Mr. Fell has been greatly impressed by the low standard of living in Mexico. "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" is his favorite stage play. . . . Although she sometimes plays bridge with East side teachers, Miss Fisher still misses them. H. V. Kaltenborn is her favorite news caster. . . . "All This and Heaven Too" is Miss Foster's favorite movie. She thinks the scenery in Alaska has impressed her more than that of any other place. . . . Miss Geddes, whose birthday is in December, misses the coal yards and the railroad of the old school. Clifton Utley is her favorite news caster. . . . Miss Greenlee, an active member of A. A. U. W. and the Fortnightly group of The Woman's Club, misses the shopping district near the old Central high school. . . . Mr. Hanson, who chooses Sinclair Lewis as his favorite novelist, appreciates a friend who gives him a straight look. "La Giaconda" is his favorite musical composition. . . . Miss Hollem, a member of Rockford Woman's Club, appreciates sincerity most in a friend. She enjoys seeing Maurice Evans and Katharine Cornell on the stage. . . . As students and friends, Miss Holmin appreciates persons who are gay, sincere, and enthusiastic. She enjoys reading the works of Lew Sarett, her favorite poet.

Studying the cray fish has been an interesting topic in Mr. Fell's Zoology classes. Rose Caruana (left) is taking notes on the subject, while Jean Page points to parts of the cray fish and Harris Anderson studies real specimens. Luella Brown and Charles (Bud) Ollman are referring to the text.

AND ON THE RANGE

Tom C. Horrall, B.S.
Science
Conservation Club

Hilda Humphreys, M.M.
Music
Vocal Director

Camilla L. Johnson, M.A.
Home Economics
Department Head

Irene A. Kirby, B.E.
Commercial
Commercia Club

Carl H. Klampe
Industrial

Dorothy A. Knill, M.A.
Social Studies
Junior Adviser

Harry C. Maitland, B.E.
Industrial
Department Head

Howard Miller, M.A.
Social Studies
Forum Adviser

John F. Nufer, Ph.M.
Social Studies
Hi-Y Adviser

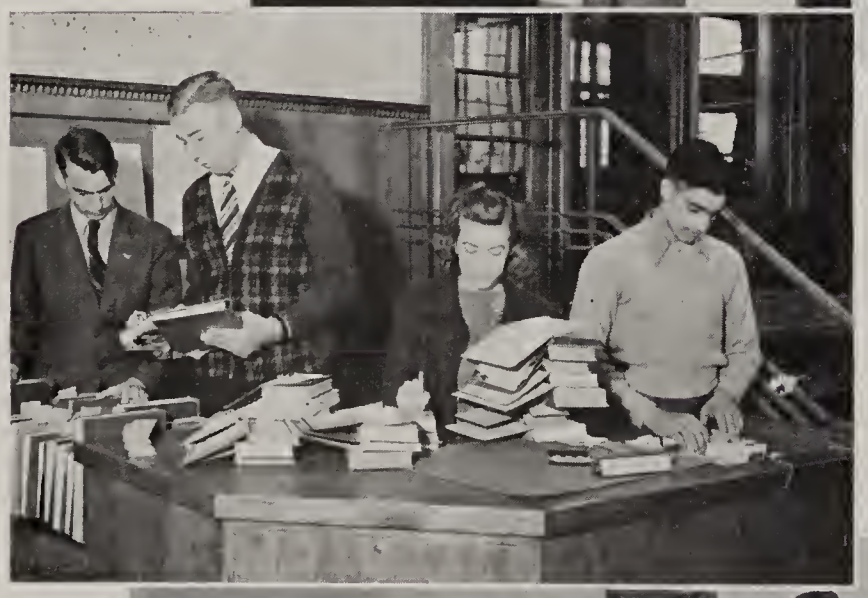
A few familiar faces and the dark, crowded halls of the old school are missed by Mr. Horrall, a member of the Rockford Ski Club. . . . Believing that its school spirit is high, Miss Humphreys enjoys teaching at West. She is an active member of the Intermediate Woman's Club. . . . Miss Johnson's favorite news caster is Donald MacGibboney. She is a member of the Rockford Art Association and also the Rockford Woman's Club. . . . To Miss Kirby the wearing of toeless shoes in winter ranks with the substitution of snow white boots for galoshes as the 1941 season's most foolish fashion. . . . Mr. Klampe, who spends much of his time in doing woodwork, is a member of the Illinois Industrial Educational Association. His day is divided between East and West high schools. . . . Tschaikowsky's "Italian Caprice" will always be a favorite with Miss Knill. Sincerity and no backbiting is what she expects from her friends and students. . . . A member of the Industrial Arts Round Table, Mr. Maitland, who celebrates his birthday in April, misses Central high's long testing floor for the automobile brakes. . . . Mr. Miller, an ardent admirer of H. V. Kaltenborn, misses the daily contact with his East side friends. He celebrated his birthday in October. . . . Intensely interested in the sociological problems of mankind, Mr. Nufer governs his life by the findings recorded in the magazine of the Consumer's Research bureau.

In keeping with the Christmas holiday spirit, the girls in Miss Ralston's Foods I class baked fruit cakes for gifts. Among the class were Helen Roland (left), and Margery Feurer, who are shown wrapping their cakes in cellophane and tying them with bright ribbon.

HOW TO BALANCE

Students in Mr. Hanson's chemistry class performed many interesting experiments in their study of zinc. They learned new formulas, the method of handling liquids for experiment, and the way to use necessary instruments. Philip Nicolosi (left) is shown preparing the liquids needed for an experiment with zinc, while James Schlaf adjusts the Bunsen burner to heat the zinc, in the crucible cup, and Grace Meenen takes notes on the results of their work.

Algebra III classes spend some time in studying the slide rule, which multiplies, divides, and calculates roots accurately. When a student has learned to manipulate this instrument, he should be able to work difficult problems rapidly. In the picture Henry Broquist, a member of Miss Vincent's Algebra III class, is manipulating a large model slide rule while Roger Johnson (left), Gordon Logan, Karl Bietau, Daryll Forbes, and Dale Bruckner check with their smaller ones.



Students may work on the Library Board during their study periods if they so desire. Each semester Miss Davis, librarian, has about forty people to help her perform such duties as taking admits, writing fines, charging books in and out, placing reserves, checking mail and keeping tabulation of all kinds of books which are borrowed. Seen performing their various duties are Bernard Hudson (left), Fred Loomer, Betty Putney and Joe Buscemi.

Throughout the year, the band members, who play an important part in the school activities, make many appearances. Among the public occasions are parades, football games and special assemblies. Each year the students look forward to the concert and the dance which are always thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Elmquist, the director, is pictured harmonizing the clarinet section, which contains John Whitehead, Jack McCarthy, Jerry Harmanson, Armour Titus, Don Hunt and Sam Miller.

BUDGETS OR COLOR

In the background of this picture are several booklets showing phases of the first World War, songs that were composed to fit the time, and food rationing charts gathered by Miss Whiting's United States History classes. While Jane Stanbery models a Red Cross uniform, Watson Taylor and Morris Wallbank look over the gas masks, bayonets, and helmets used during the war. This museum of replicas made the war seem more real to the students.

Miss Dentler and her art classes have many facilities in the new building which they did not have at the old school. Among these is a new kiln which is used during the section of the course dealing with pottery making. William Schmidt and Betty Eickhorn are shown putting a finished piece of pottery in the kiln while Teresa Armato (left), Mary Sinnett, and Charlotte Todd model clay objects.

Among the interesting projects which the Composition II classes have undertaken, the study of the radio has proved one of the most beneficial. Mrs. Coxon's class made large charts in which they listed the time and station of the more desirable programs. These charts were passed out to all the English classes. Shown above are those who submitted the best charts. They are, Albert Piela (left), Angeline Gaziano, William Walker, and Shirley Block.

These girls are shown mimeographing department outlines which are turned out by the commercial classes. They also transcribe letters, mimeograph school forms, and work out papers for their own individual uses. At Christmas time they prepared a small booklet, which they sold for one cent, to pay for materials used during the school year. Operating the machines are Irene Longenecker, Alyce Pyzynski, Alesia D'Agostin, Florence D'Agostin, Evelyn Ramsey and Leona Pace.

WORDS AND MUSIC

Katharine H. Obye, Ph.B.
English
Publications Adviser

Maxine Ollman, B.A.
Social Studies
8-5-3 Club Adviser

Elizabeth F. Pearson, B.A.
English
Dramatic Coach

Colonel Ernest Pell
Military Science

Marion Pierce
Physical Education
G.A.A. Swimming

Charles M. Pratt
Industrial

Margaret G. Ralston, B.S.
Home Economics

Margaret G. Ralston

Pearl A. Ritchie
Commercial

Cloyd O. Robeson, B.S.
Industrial

Hats that blind the left eye is the fashion that Miss Obye considers most foolish. The White Mountains of New Hampshire have greatly impressed her. . . . Grant Wood's paintings are very much appreciated by Miss Ollman. She also likes subtle melodies such as the popular song, "All The Things You Are." . . . Miss Pearson is a very active member of the Little Theatre Group and the Art Association. She misses all of her old East high students. . . . The "Beautiful Blue Danube" ranks as Colonel Pell's favorite musical composition. Sincerity in a friend is what he looks for. . . . Although she likes this school, Miss Pierce would rather have the old girls' gymnasium. Camera Club is one of the enjoyable activities in which she participates. . . . Among the many newscasters, Bob Elson ranks highest with Mr. Pratt. He misses the switch engine at assembly time in the old high school. . . . "The beauty and strength of nature in rivers, falls, mountains, and valleys, and how they must have impressed the early explorers" is expressed by Miss Ralston. . . . Because Miss Ritchie misses the teachers who went to East high, she especially enjoys the monthly social meetings of a group of "very special friends." . . . Mr. Robeson, a member of the Industrial Educational Association chooses George Arliss for his favorite actor and enjoys reading the novels of Milholland.

To stimulate interest interest in Miss Fisher's Spanish III class, the students cooperated in presenting an exhibit of Mexican articles while they were making a study of that country. These shown examining the exhibit (left to right) are Mary Wolfram, David Meier, Barbara Salisbury, Miss Fisher, Kay Gripp, Jack Powell, and Harriette Ryan.

CONCERTO TO CONGA

Alfred Sabin, M.A.
Industrial
Assistant Athletic Coach

Lena R. Scandroli, M.A.
Foreign Language
Debate Coach

Christine Sheetz, B.A.
Mathematics

Clarence E. Shumate, B.S.
Commercial

Robert B. Shumway, B.S.
Industrial
Department Supervisor

Katherine Slade, M.A.
Mathematics
Department Head

Sergeant Isaac D. Smith
Military Science

G. Maxine Smith, M.S.
Science

Sam W. Tracy, M.A.
Social Studies
Athletic Coach

"The vastness of our country, the lofty snow capped mountains, and the beauty of some sections of our Western states have greatly impressed me," says Mr. Sabin. . . . Playing bridge at a party is one of Miss Scandroli's pet pastimes. She enjoys listening to Fulton Lewis Jr., one of the popular news commentators. . . . Miss Sheetz is happy that she does not have to compete with the noise of the trains and the traffic on Walnut street this year. . . . Among the current songs, "Madame Will Drop Her Shawl" is a favorite of Mr. Shumate's. He enjoys reading the poetry of Stephen Vincent Benet. . . . Mr. Shumway, who has had the honor of being elected Vice-President of the Illinois Industrial Educational Association, appreciates honesty and understanding in a friend. . . . Helen Hayes and Grant Wood are Miss Slade's favorites in the theater and art. For reading pleasure she chooses novels like that of Margaret Mitchell's. . . . "Maybe," Edgar A. Guest, and Pat O'Brien are Sergeant Smith's favorites among popular songs, poets, and actors. He places sincerity above other qualities in choosing friends. . . . Miss Smith appreciates a friend who, knowing all her faults, likes her just the same. Interested in amateur photography, she belongs to the Camera Club. . . . "I Married An Angel" is a hit with Mr. Tracy. In traveling, he found that very few people know much about their country.

Work in music appreciation classes includes research on various musical compositions, study of music, and note taking on various types of music. While Mona Legge and Lowell Branning select the next records to be heard and Molly Ann Cousley operates the record player, Leonora Spooner (right) and Barbara Salisbury take notes.

CARE AND FEEDING

Harrison Trautmann, B.A.
Commercial Department Head

Bertha J. Vincent, M.A.
English
Tri-Y Adviser

Ethel Vincent, M.A.
Mathematics
Senior Adviser

Eugene E. Vogt, B.E.
Industrial

Alice E. Walker, M.A.
Social Studies

Fred Weber, M.A.
Science Department Head

Maud Weinschenk, B.A.
English

Gabriel Wertsch, B.E.
Industrial

Chas. E. Whitenack, M.A.
Social Studies

"To me, this new school seems just about perfect," says Mr. Trautmann, a member of the Chicago Area Businessman's Association. His birthday comes in July. . . . Mrs. Vincent, a member of the Rockford Art Association, has built up a music library of records which are suitable to her varying moods. . . . A member of the Rockford Woman's Club, Miss Vincent always enjoys seeing Charlie Chaplin on the screen. Emile Cruppe is her favorite artist. . . . "Moonlight Sonata" and Lionel Barrymore are Mr. Vogts' favorite composition and actor. He believes that a friend should be sincere and willing to advise. . . . Miss Walker misses the large class room she had the last three years at Central high school. She admires Wythe Williams as a news caster. . . . Mr. Weber believes that beauty may be found anywhere in the United States if one will look for it. "Louis Pasteur" is his favorite movie. . . . Women's shoes without toes or heels are considered by Miss Weinschenk as the most foolish fashions at present. She enjoyed seeing the movie "Rebecca." . . . Mr. Wertsch enjoyed seeing the movie "You Can't Take It With You." Scenery along the north shore of Lake Superior has impressed him. . . . Paul Muni, actor, and Kenneth Roberts, novelist, are favorites with Mr. Whitenack. Faith, hope, and charity are qualities he looks for in his friends.

Since all the equipment in the print shop is new, boys interested in industrial arts are able to operate presses similar to those used in modern industry. Francis Keye (left) Raymond Conklin, Jimmie DeVerdi, Robert Cooper, Jack Tolmie, and Arnold DiTomassi are pictured operating the shops three new platen presses.

OF HORSEPOWERS

Edith Whiting, B.A.
Social Studies
8-5-3 Co-Adviser

Milo E. Willson, B.S.
Mathematics
Athletic Coach

Ruth Wright, B.A.
Mathematics

Helen Wray, R.N.
Nurse

Mary Davis, B.E.
Librarian

Evelyn B. Johnson
Bookkeeper

Margaret Denny
Stenographer

Eleanor R. Carlson
Clerk

Arlene Wessels
Library Clerk

Miss Whiting, a member of Panhellenic Council, considers anklets in winter a very foolish fashion. She enjoys all movies in which Nelson Eddy stars. . . . In his spare time, Coach Willson, whose birthday is in June, either goes hunting or plays golf. Kay Kyser's radio program is his favorite. . . . Mrs. Wright enjoys Hugh Walpole's and George Arliss' works because of their splendid character portrayals. She expects to find loyalty in all of her friends. . . . The "Ballad for Americans" by Robinson is one of Miss Wray's favorite musical compositions. She values highly understanding between herself and her friends. . . . Miss Davis, who enjoys listening to Lowell Thomas' newscasts, misses a place to hang her coat in the new school. She celebrates her birthday in January. . . . As a pastime, Miss Johnson enjoys her membership in the Women's City Bowling League. The waltzes of Johann Strauss are her favorite compositions. . . . Sincerity, dependability, and a sense of humor are qualities Miss Denny admires most in a friend. She enjoys listening to "In a Persian Market" by Ketalby. . . . Miss Carlson choooses "Tales of the Vienna Woods" as her favorite musical composition. She enjoys reading the works of Sinclair Lewis and Carl Sandburg. . . . Miss Wessels, who appreciates faithfulness in her friends, chooses "Beautiful Dreamer" as her favorite musical composition. She especially enjoys novels like those of Willa Cather.

In Mr. Maitland's auto shop classes the boys make use of two new pieces of equipment. Dick Welte and Sam Caruana are shown grinding valves and "dressing" a grind stone, while Don Mayer reads the dials on a motor testing machine being operated by Bob Hammerling and Dale Harkness.

A TEACHER'S LIFE

The rows of boxes in the office facilitate the office girls' work of giving out reports, messages, and mail to the teachers. The teachers appreciate the new closed boxes as a great improvement over the old open mailboxes, which were less private and from which small notes were easily lost. In the picture, Miss Davis has just come in for her notices, while Mr. Tracy is examining the material he has taken from his box.

One of last year's important social events was the Senior Prom, held at the Armory. As at all other school parties, several faculty members acted as chaperones. Shown chatting during an intermission are Marion Arbogast, senior treasurer; Don Christophersen, Miss Vincent, and Miss Knill. Other chaperones at the prom were Mr. and Mrs. Blue, Mr. and Mrs. Lundahl, Miss Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Bornor, Miss Scandroli, Mr. and Mrs. Horrall, and Mr. Shumate.

The office girls from the Board of Education, the three Junior high schools, and the East and West high schools entered into the spirit of Christmas by celebrating at a dinner held in the school cafeteria on December 16. After dinner, the tradition of loading the tree with gifts and exchanging them was followed by a game of bunco. Among the group in the picture are Dorothy Morgan, Cleo Matthews, and Norma Ang.

The gaily decorated table in this scene was the center of a Christmas tea party, held in the library, at which the first floor teachers were hosts to teachers on the second and third floors. Among the group gathered around Miss Ollman, who is pouring, are Colonel and Mrs. Pell, Mr. and Mrs. Blue, Mr. Lundahl, Miss Knill, Miss Kirby, Miss Alberstett, and Mr. Shumate. Miss Vincent was general chairman for the event.

IS NOT ALL WORK

When the leader of an activity has an announcement to make, he may, by using the public address system, speak to all the home rooms. In this picture Coach Beyer is shown announcing an athletic event while Mr. Wolfe, school engineer, operates the intricate control panel and Miss Pearson prepares to stir up interest in the junior play. Programs can be sent from several other points in the building as well as from the control room.

Before the Central high school closed last summer, the faculty gave a farewell dinner honoring Mr. Blue. Ninety members of the high school faculty attended the function. In the picture Miss Slade, who was chosen to represent the teachers, is shown as she presented Mr. Blue with a Gladstone traveling bag in appreciation of his cooperative spirit as principal. Another feature of the program was the showing of early snapshots of several teachers.

On June 21, 1940, the Rockford high school alumni association held a farewell banquet at the Hotel Faust. The members who played an active part in the planning of the reunion were (seated) Miss Scandroli, secretary-treasurer of the association; Francis Hickey, alumni president; Miss Hollem, chairman of music. Heads of other committees were (standing, left to right) Agard Bartlett, Dr. Fred Tindall, Wilbur Johnson, Paul Hogland, Karl Williams, and Ashton Johnson.

At the beginning of the first semester, Mr. and Mrs. Blue gave a tea in the home economics apartment, to which were invited teachers, office workers, and members of the Board of Education. Seated at the table in the picture are Mrs. Marie Sheehe (left) and Mrs. Frank Johnson (right), both Board members. Standing around the table are (left to right) Miss Barlass, Miss Dentler, Miss Hollem, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Blue, and Miss Holmin.

LIVING WITH THE

Miss Slade's solid geometry class cheerfully extended to everyone a very "Merry and Mathematical Christmas." Students worked busily making gay tinsel and paper decorations in the form of solid figures for their Christmas tree. The figures were from diagrams with which they are accustomed to work in connection with their solid geometry. Marshall Wiley (left), Wendell Brooks, Joe Martellaro and Janet Westerman were a few of the students who made the decorative figures.

Making use of magazines, newspapers, and maps, Miss Brown's history classes have frequently devoted their period to the study of current events. In this study individual students give reports, which are followed by a class discussion. In the picture, Bob Hendricks (left) is shown pointing out United States defense bases in the Atlantic Ocean, while Phillip Alongi, Florence Shaver, and Mary Jane Mackie (right) are prepared to report on the war situation in Europe.

The orchestra's recording machine is used by Mr. Bornor both to play records and to make recordings of the playing of orchestra members. These recordings enable students to analyze their own work and to improve it in every way possible. They also hear the music of great musicians and learn it through the recordings. At left Barbara Caldwell and Henry Nemetz are shown operating the machine in accompaniment for Bob Nelson and Betty Jean Kelley.

At the beginning of the basketball season boys in Mr. Beyer's physical education classes engaged in a series of contests which were designed to show in what phase of basketball they were especially adept. In one of these contests pictured here, the boys were timed on the number of baskets they could make in one minute. Frank Rumore is seen shooting, while Joe Davis keeps count of his record.

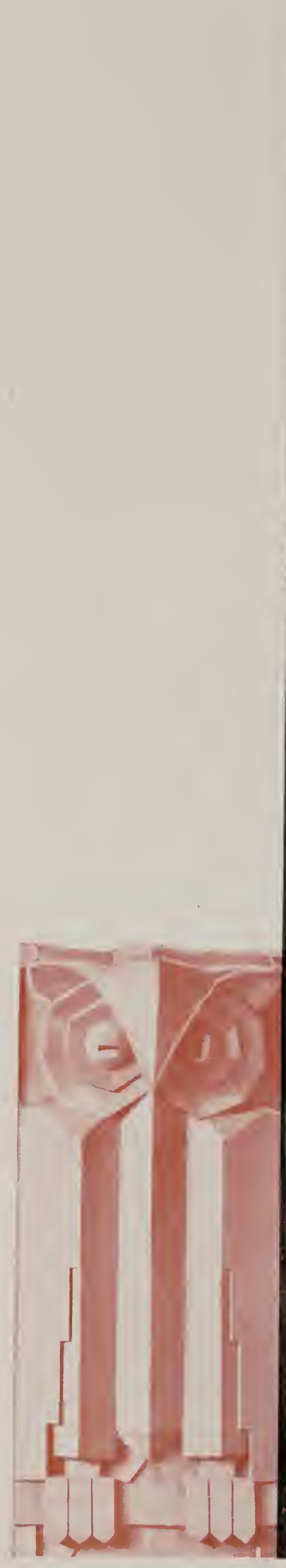
WORLD, OURSELVES

In connection with their study to further their knowledge of "Our American Neighbors," Miss Mary Brown's United States History II classes prepared displays, notebooks, and reports on the Latin American countries. Beverly Pederson is shown wearing the Mexican costumes which she brought to illustrate a talk on her travels through Mexico. Among the other articles contributed by students were costumes, paintings, and shawls, while a local store loaned the class several Mexican articles for the display.

During Book Week, letters from many distinguished authors were posted on the English department bulletin board. These letters were written by James Hilton, Carl Van Doren, Edna Ferber, H. G. Wells, Thorton Wilder, and others to a person who asked for advice on how to build up a library. Shown here reading them are James Lawrence (left), Marjorie Commer, Pearl Piercy, whose husband received the letters, and Robert Carpenter, all members of Miss Carlson's Literature V classes.

Each year tuberculosis tests are administered to all sophomore students. In order to prevent the spread of the disease, juniors and seniors whose previous reactions have been negative are also offered the test. In the picture at left Harriet Walker is shown preparing Don Lynch's arm for the test, while Mrs. Ethel Olson, a registered nurse, prepares a fresh hypodermic and Dr. William J. Bryan, superintendent of the sanatorium, administers the test to Mary Jane Kretsinger.

The students in this group, members of Miss Currier's fifth hour 11A girls' physical education class, are learning to play basketball in tournament games. Shirley Johns and Mary Lou Kerlin are shown in action as they play for a jump ball. Evelyn Toht, with the whistle, is a student assistant from GAA who is refereeing the game. Among the others playing are Joan Root (left), Dorothy Hibbits, Corrine Carlberg, Sally Adamitis, and Phyllis Shenberger.



Consultation with the seniors concerning their programs and electives is one of the duties of Miss Vincent. It is she who, as their class counselor, directs their activities and guides them in their affairs. Through her also representatives of colleges are introduced to the students. Ruth Lawrence, Marion Quixley, and Robert Gustafson are here seen consulting with her about their programs.

The management of the Senior class is naturally decided by its officers. Upon them depend the activities of the class and the success of the seniors as a whole. Miss Vincent is here shown congratulating the first semester officers of the class of 1941, who were (left to right) Robert Gustafson, vice-president; James Shelden, secretary; John Whitehead, president; and Phillip Alongi, treasurer.

CLASS OF 1941

JANET IRENE ABRAHAMSON
GAA 2, 3, 4.
Enjoying all sports, particularly basketball, "Abee" has received a GAA expert swimmer's badge and also a major letter award.

LUCY ABRAMSON
8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; A Cappella 2, 3, 4; Music Appreciation 2, 3, 4; Honorary Musical 2, 3, 4; Curtain 4; Junior Glee President 2; Home Room Vice-president 2, Treasurer 2.
Lucy would choose "loads and loads of classical records" if given the opportunity to have anything in the world she desired.

THOMAS HERBERT ABRAMSON
8-5-3, 3, 4.
"Edison the Man" is the movie which Tom, an enthusiastic reader of many scientific magazines, gives as his favorite.

SAM FRANCIS ADRIGNOLA
Going on the trip to La-Salle-Peru with the football team this year, was Sam's most exciting experience while in school.

ARTHUR BANNING ALLABEN
Glee 4; Forum 3.
Health and happiness are two things which "Artie" desires most; chemistry and ROTC have been appealing subjects to him.

PHILLIP FRANCIS ALONGI
"R" Club 4; Home Room President 2, Treasurer 4; Student Council 3; Class Treasurer 4; National Athletic Scholarship 4.
Phil's most exciting experience while in school was giving a minute speech at the senior luncheon. He enjoys Glenn Miller's orchestra.

THOMAS ANCONA
Commercia 2, Secretary 4; Student Council 4; Owl 4.
Given anything in the world, Thomas would choose success in all walks of life, especially that of printer or auditor.

BETTY JANE K. ANDERSON
GAA 2, 3; 8-5-3, 2, 3; Home Room Vice-President 2, 3.
Victor Hugo's book "Les Miserables" is a favorite with "Andy," who finds West's new library especially helpful and enjoyable.

LESTER PAT ANDREONI
Mono 2.
Americanism to "Les" means devotion to one's ideal government. He would like to travel through United States and its territories.

WILLIAM FRANCIS ANDREWS
Music Appreciation 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Athletic Council 4.
"Andy," to whom Americanism means free expression of thought through the press and speech, believes the President's re-election was 1940's most important event.

JOE THOMAS AQUILONE
Joe declares that school has taught him certain obligations he must meet, one of such is taking part in the government.

ROGER MABIE ARENDSEE
Hi-Y 3; "R" Club 4; Football 3, 4; ROTC 2, 3, captain 4; Home Room President 2, 4, Treasurer 3.
Roger has enjoyed his work in ROTC. He plans to attend the University of Iowa and become a lawyer.

THERESA ARMATO
GAA 3, 4, Captain 2.
"Tomboy" has received a great deal of pleasure from "Gone With the Wind," both as a book and as a movie.

PATRICIA ANNE ARMOUR
ABL 3, 4; Forum 4; Botany 3; 8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; Curtain Club 4.
Pat admires greatly a person who can be a leader, be popular, and still maintain a high scholastic record.

WAREN DALE AUKES
"Wab's" plans for the future include entering Iowa State College at Ames, where he will study to become a veterinarian.

CLASS OF 1941

MARY LOU BACON
Daubers 2; 8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Y 2.
Having enjoyed art as a hobby and as a subject in school, "Lou" plans to attend an Art School in Chicago.
of life, Bill misses the friends who have gone East.

BURNIE BARTON BAILEY
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Junior Engineering Society 2, 4; Home Room Secretary 2, Treasurer 3, President 3, Vice-President 4.
To Burnie the real meaning of Americanism is freedom, equality, and justice for all without ration cards or shell holes.

BILL HUE BAKER
Home Room President 3, Treasurer 4.
Believing that school has opened up many new phases of life, Bill misses the friends who have gone East.

DALE HOLLIS BAKER
The machine shop facilities at West have helped Dale decide upon tool and die making as his work.

BETTY JULIA BALCOM
Home Room Secretary 4.
"Whatever you do, do it with your might; things done by halves are never done right" serves as Betty's philosophy.

MARGUERITE ALINE BALDERSON
Mono 3, 4; Home Room Treasurer 2.
Marguerite chooses Fanny Brice and Henry Aldrich as her favorite humorous radio programs, and Dick Jurgens as best-liked orchestra leader.

MARGARET LOUISE BATES
8-5-3, 3, 4; ABL 3, Treasurer 4; Latin Vice-President 3, 4; French 3, Treasurer 4; Forum 3, Vice-President 4; Honorary Musical 3, 4; A Cappella 4; Owl 3, 4; Annual 4.
An admirer of a self-reliant person, Peggy would like to meet Queen Elizabeth. Bob Hope's is her favorite radio show.

DONNA JANE BEAR
8-5-3, 3, 4; Pan American 2, 3; Tri-Y 2, 3, 4; Home Room Secretary 2.
Although Donna misses the ramps and rat alley of old Senior high, she does appreciate the bright class rooms and halls.

ROBERT JAMES BEATSON
Home Room Vice-President 2, President 3, 4.
Bob, whose most exciting experience came when he played in his first basketball game, also enjoys seeing basketball played.

FRANCIS LEONARD BECK
Mono 2, 3; Home Room Treasurer 3, 4.
Francis misses the before school gatherings in the study halls of old Senior high, but he appreciates West's music during lunch hour.

CHARLES ARNOLD BEFFA
Latin 2.
Charles experienced his supreme thrill when he first entered high school and discovered a larger world than he had known before.

MAURICE ALBERT BENDES
German 3; 8-5-3, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, Secretary 4; Commercia 4; "R" Club 4; Home Room Secretary 3; Swimming Manager 4; ROTC Captain 4.
Al, who hopes to study pre-medics at Carleton College, chooses as his favorite book, "Men Against Death" by Paul De Kruif.

BETTY ANN BERTRAND
Zoo 2; GAA 2, 3, 4.
"Babs" believes in the philosophy of living each day to the best of her ability that she may have no regrets.

KARL EDWARD BIETAU
Band 2, 3, Drum Major 4; Home Room President 2, Vice-President 3, 4.
Karl's pet slang phrase is "You tell 'em, I stutter." Smiling Jack is his first choice among comic strip characters.

WARREN RICHARD BLACK
Junior Engineering 2, Vice-President 3.
Warren would like to meet Admiral Byrd, who is the author of his favorite book, "Little America." His hobby is hunting.

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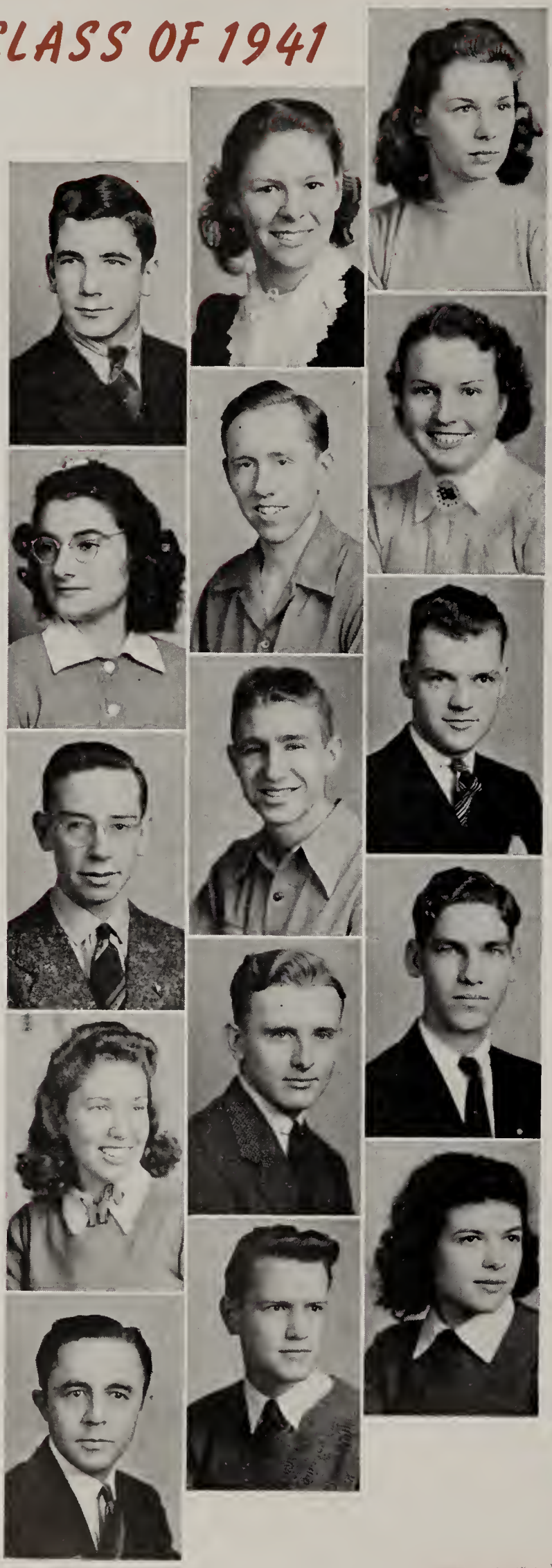

CHARLES EDWARD BLAKELEY

"Chuck" likes to spend much of his spare time at his hobby, ice-skating, which he may some day make his vocation.

FRANCES BLOCK

GAA 2, 3, 4.

An admirer of aviatrix, Jenny Cochran, Frances hopes to enter the field of aviation after a few years as a stenographer.

BETTY BOEHMAN

Mono 2, 3; Home Room Vice-President 3, Secretary 4.

Of all the features of the old high school, Betty misses most the companionship of students from the East side.

DOROTHY MARIE BOSI

8-5-3, 3, 4; Social Arts 4; Commercia 3, 4; Mono 4.

"Dot," whose favorite philosophy is that expressed in the Golden Rule, admires especially a person who is shy and quiet.

ALAN CHARLES BOSWELL

Hi-Y 4, Treasurer 3; Junior Engineering 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Owl 4; Glee Club 3; Latin 2, 3.

Perhaps because "Doc" plans to enter the medical profession after studying at DePauw University, his favorite book is Cronin's "The Citadel."

BEVERLY JUNE BOWERS

Mono 2, Vice-President 4; 8-5-3, 2.

Bev's favorite classical composition is the William Tell overture, but she chooses "I'll Never Smile Again" among popular melodies.

DYNE VERNER BOWERS

Hi-Y 4; Band 2, 3, 4.

As favorites "Vernie" chooses Glenn Miller, mathematics, and "Popular Mechanix." He values the health, happiness and freedom of America.

ROBERT BOYCE

If Bob were given anything which he desired, he would choose to spend several years going around the world.

VERGIL NORMAN BRACE

Junior Engineering 3; Mono 4.

Since "Virg" wants to become a successful architect, he states that drafting is his hobby and "Architectural Forum," his favorite magazine.

VIRGINIA BELLE BRAIN

Running for senior class secretary was "Gee Gee's" most exciting experience in school. She misses Central high's "rat alley."

ROBERT EDWARD BRAISTED

Latin 2; Forum 2, 4; Student Council 4.

If Bob were to be given anything in the world that he desired, he would choose to have everlasting youth.

LOWELL RICHARD BRANNING

Glee Club Treasurer 4.

Being chosen a member of the All-state chorus was the experience which provided "Jack" with his greatest thrill in high school.

RALPH ERWIN BRATTON

Ralph divides his leisure time between tennis and music. His desire to travel would lead him to the Near East.

JOHN WALLACE BREON

Walter Hampden 2, 3; Rab Authors 3; Forum 2; Music Appreciation 3.

John plans to attend Beloit college and Goodman School of the Theatre, where he will study to become an actor.

IRENE FRANCIS BREWER

GAA 2, 3, 4.

While in school Irene derived the most benefit from her membership in GAA. She won a major award this year.

CLASS OF 1941

JOE MARTIN BRIDDICK
"R" Club 3, 4.

"Marty" is proud of his record of never having been absent or tardy or receiving zero hours while in high school.

OLIVER HENRY BROQUIST
Pan American 2, 3; Forum 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Home Room Treasurer 2, Secretary 3, President 2, 3, 4.

"Hank" desires more than anything else to possess a faculty for writing that would make him famous for all-time.

JOSEPH ANGELO BUSCEMI
Home Room President 2; "R" Club 2, Secretary 3, President 4; Football 2, 3, Captain 4.

Named on the all-conference football team, Joe, a collector of football pictures, would like to play the game as a professional.

BARBARA ELICE CALDWELL
Mono 2; Student Council 3, President 4; Tri-Y 2; Home Room President 2, Vice-President 3, Secretary 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Annual 4.

Although she has enjoyed the newness of everything at West, "Barby," a prospective nurse, misses the auditorium at Central high.

LOUIS CALLEIA
In his spare time Louis likes to participate in various sports, particularly football. He won his letter in this sport.

JEAN PAULINE CARLSON
Tri-Y 2, 3; Walter Hampden 3; Student Council 2; 8-5-3, 3, 4; Latin 2, 3; Social Arts 4; Home Room Vice-President 2, Secretary 3.

In high school Jean has enjoyed most her course in foods. She considers "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte, her favorite book.

ALIDA ANN CARMICHAEL
French 2, Secretary 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; ABL 3, 4; Owl 3, Editor 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.

Because she enjoys writing, Alida has enjoyed her work on the Owl more than anything else in high school.

BETTIE EMMA CARMICHAEL
To see the United States by visiting the important cities in each state of the Union is Bettie's ambition.

GEORGANNA LOUISE CARMICHAEL
Honorary Musical Society 2, 3, 4; Music Appreciation 3, 4; Forum 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4; Home Room Treasurer 4.

Since Georganna is very much interested in all things musical, orchestra and harmony are two of her favorite subjects in high school.

ROBERT EDWIN CARPENTER
Mono 3, 4; Radio 3, Secretary 4, Treasurer 4.

Robert admires a person fortunate enough to possess not only a sense of humor but a pleasing personality as well.

JOE MIKE CARONE
Joe feels that he has derived a great deal of benefit from the industrial department of the high school.

DONALD ROBERT CARTER
Pan-American 2; Student Council 3; "R" Club 3, 4; National Athletic Scholarship 4; Tennis Captain 3, 4.

Don, who has won the Big Seven and district tennis championships, would like to meet Don Budge, former international tennis champion.

SALLY ANN CARTER
French Treasurer 3, Vice-President 4; 8-5-3, 3, 4; Home Room President 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary 4.

Sally favors Thanksgiving holiday because then she has a wide variety of food and can eat all she wants.

SAM ANTHONY CARUANA
"When things look sad and hopeless, and the going is all uphill, rest, but don't give up," is Sam's philosophy.

DOROTHY GENEVIEVE CASCIO
Tri-Y 2, 3, 4; Seco 2.

"Dot" experienced a great thrill when she stepped into the new school building. She has enjoyed the public address system particularly.

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SYLVESTER DOMINIC CASCIO
Home Room Vice-President 2.
The most important happening during 1940 in "Sil's" opinion is the re-election of President Roosevelt, whom he would like to meet.

LEONARD JOHN CASSIOPPI
Football Manager; "R" Club 4.
"Peewee" believes the biggest are not always the best. In high school his most exciting experience was receiving a manager's letter.

LILYAN MARIE CASTRONOVO
GAA 2, 3, 4; Tri-Y 2, 3; Music Appreciation 4; Daubers 3; Art Secretary-Treasurer 4; Seco 3; Honorary Musical 4.
"Wisdom is better than gold" is Lilyan's philosophy. School has taught her to appreciate the better things in life.

FRANK RICHARD CATALANO
Home Room Vice-President 3.
"Perky," a fan of Glenn Miller and Bob Hope, likes nothing better than to play checkers with his friends.

DANIEL JOSEPH CATALDI
Because "Daniel Boone" is interested in shop work, the subject which he has enjoyed most has been machine drawing.

ROBERT NORMAN CHALMAN
Commercia 4.
"Freedom, liberty, and justice for all" is Bob's definition of Americanism. He admires a person with a pleasing personality.

MARION HELEN CHRISTENSEN
Clothing was the subject which gave "Christy" much pleasure. She found being in the new building most exciting.

RUTH LUELLA CLANCY
Daubers 2; Commercia 2; Home Room Secretary 2.
To Ruth, Americanism stands for freedom of speech and the press, and the right to the pursuit of happiness.

KENNETH LEWIS CLAYTON
The Christmas holiday is the most enjoyable to Ken because he gets pleasure from giving as well as receiving.

DONALD CLINITE
Mono 3.
Since he has enjoyed auto shop while in high school, Don plans to become a tool and die maker.

MARJORIE HILEY COMMER
Mono 2; Curtain 2; Commercia 2; Glee 2; Home Room Secretary 3.
"Michey's" most exciting school experience was going to Urbana as a Forum member to participate in the All-State high school conference.

ROBERT JOSEPH CONERY
Bob chooses "All's Quiet on the Western Front," Kay Kyser and basketball as his favorites in books, orchestras, and sports.

JEAN ANN CONKLIN
Art 4; Photography 4; Athletic Council 4.
To attend the John Seeley Hospital for training to become a nurse is Jean's ambition after she finishes high school.

RAYMOND WELLS COOK
Above all things Raymond desires a farm completely equipped with all modern farm machinery and a good supply of stock.

BETTY LEE COOLING
Commercia 3.
If Betty were offered anything in the world that she desired, she would ask for sufficient money to travel.

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JAMES ROBERT CORCORAN
Commercia 4; Home Room Vice-President 3.
Americanism, to "Corky", means the opportunity to do and say what he wants, when he wants, with no fear of arrest.

ELIZEBETH CORLISS
Betty plans to take up nursing after graduation. Her spare time is spent hiking, keeping scrap books and swimming.

JOSEPH JOHN COSER
Radio Club 3.
Because he hopes some day to become an aviator, Joseph desires an airplane more than anything else in the world.

GORDON LEROY COTTA
Home Room President 2.
The ability to concentrate while he is doing his work is the chief benefit Gordy has derived from school.

JANET LOUISE COUNTRYMAN
GAA 2, 4; Latin 2; Commercia 3, 4.
Like Scarlett O'Hara in her favorite book, Janet is something of a fatalist. Dick Jurgens directs her favorite orchestra.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN CRATTY
Curtain 4; Athletic Council 4.
"Bill" likes to spend his spare time reading good books, his favorites being those by Gertrude Atherton and Leo Tolstoy.

WILLIAM GUY CRAWFORD
"Bill" enjoyed greatly the industrial department at West high, for he intends to enter machine work after his graduation.

HOWARD WILLIAM CROSBY
"R" Club 3, 4; Home Room President 2, 4.
"Bing" believes that the most important thing school has done for him has been teaching him to be independent.

RICHARD RAYMOND CROSS
Forum 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Home Room Vice-President 2, President 3, 4.
Although Richard enjoys the public address system of the new high school, he misses the atmosphere of Rockford Central high.

ROBERT JAMES CROUSE
8-5-3, 2; Commercia 4; Annual 4.
Since he has enjoyed his commercial courses in high school, Bob hopes to enter the navy as a bookkeeper.

JOHN FRANCIS CURRY
An aspiring commercial artist, "Johnnie" was honored by being chosen to design the covers for the Big Eight Press Conference program.

RICHARD JOHN CUTTING
Home Room Secretary 3; Student Council 4.
Because he would like to travel in South America, he chooses the movie "Down Argentine Way" as his favorite.

FLORENCE KATHRINE D'AGOSTIN
Tri-Y 2; Commercia 4.
As "Flo" has enjoyed orchestra while in school, it is not surprising that Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony" is her favorite musical composition.

OLESIA FRANCES D'AGOSTIN
Tri-Y 2; Commercia 4.
"Laddie" hopes to become a secretary after attending business college. She has enjoyed her experiences in the high school orchestra.

ROCCO BAMBINO D'ANGELO
"R" Club 4.
After graduation "Rock," a model plane enthusiast, plans to enter the field of commercial aviation as a flyer and mechanic.

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ROBERT LOUIS DAY
Debate 2, 3, 4; ROTC Major 4.
Bob believes that the most important thing school has given him has been a broader knowledge of human life.

JUNE FLORENCE DECARLO
GAA 2, 3, Captain 4; 8-5-3, 4; Tri-Y 2, 3, 4; Home Room Treasurer 2, 3, 4.
June feels the high school has helped her to meet more people, make more friends, and develop her sense of humor.

LILLIAN VICTORIA DECORI
Tri-Y 2, 3; Commercia 4; Home Room Secretary 3, Treasurer 2; Safety Council 3; Athletic Council 4.
Because of the gay holiday spirit that prevails and the giving and receiving of gifts, "Lil" likes the Christmas holiday best.

TONY JOE DEVERDI
Tony gives as his philosophy of life, "Men are like steel; when they lose their temper they are useless."

KENT RICHARD DICKINSON
Football 2, 3, 4.
Chemistry is Kent's hobby and best-liked subject. His first "A" slip was his biggest thrill in his school life.

PHYLLIS HELEN DICKMAN
GAA 2, 3, 4; 8-5-3, 4; Mono 4.
Receiving a ribbon for winning second place in a GAA swimming meet was "Phil's" most exciting experience while in school.

DOMONIC DIMARZIO
"R" Club 4.
To Dom, a winner of letters in both football and track, the defeat of Notre Dame was outstanding in 1940's news.

JOSEPH JOHN DIPUMA
Daubers 2; Library 2, 4; Student Council 2.
Of all the features in the new high school, Joe has enjoyed most the new stage and its equipment.

LUCY MADELINE DIRAIMONDO
Seco 2; Mono 3; 8-5-3, 4; ABL 4; Commercia 3, 4.
"Her Mortal Enemy" by Willa Cather is Lucy's favorite book. She believes that life is what one makes it.

ARNOLD JOSEPH DITOMASSI
Planning to become a machinist after graduation, Arnold has derived much pleasure and benefit from his machine shop classes.

PAUL LEONARD DOHERTY
ROTC has been of great benefit to "Doc" because it illustrated to him the fact that obedience to orders is necessary.

GLEN DOOLITTLE
To Glenn, Americanism at the present time means "the freedom to allow our lights to burn at night, with no blackouts."

RICHARD LAWRENCE DOST
8-5-3, 2.
Being chosen as the best lieutenant in the ROTC competitive drill was "Bubby's" most exciting experience while in school.

GERALDINE MAE DOWD
Commercia 2, 3, 4; Mono 2, 3; 8-5-3, 3, 4.
"Just being in school" has proved exciting to "Gerry." She has derived much benefit from her membership in Commercia club.

LELIA JUNE DUMMER
GAA 2, 3; Tri-Y 2; German 3.
Julie admires a person who has a winning personality who shows traits of honesty, sincerity, and above all, loyalty.

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WILLIAM WASHBURN EARLY
8-5-3, 2, 4; Mono 2, 4; Latin 2, 3; French 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; ROTC Captain 4; Home Room Treasurer 2, Vice-President 3, President 4.
School has helped Bill to make many worth-while friends. He wants to see and do everything humanly possible.

RICHARD IRWIN EICHMAN
Student Council 2; Home Room Vice-President 3, President 4; ROTC Major 4.
Included in Dick's list of favorites are "Typhoon" by Conrad, Raymond Scott's orchestra, and the comic strip character, Prince Valiant.

BETTY JANE EICKHORN
Home Room Secretary 2, 3.
Ravel's "Bolero" is Betty's choice among songs. Art and Literature are the classes which have been of greatest value to her.

ALBERT GAILLORD ELLSWORTH
Junior Engineering 3, President 4; Home Room Treasurer 2.
Gaillord has enjoyed Junior Engineering Society while in school, and hopes to enter either hydraulic or aeronautical engineering after graduation.

EVELYN NEVA ELVIN
Commercia 2; Home Room Secretary 2, 4.
"Evy" has tried to pattern her life after the philosophy, "Live and Learn." Ice-skating and dancing are her favorite pastimes.

HAROLD LOUIS ERICKSON
Glee 2, 3, 4.
A technical sergeant in ROTC, Pete believes that that organization has given him more benefit than any other in high school.

JOSEPH FRED FABBIANO
Joseph's most exciting experience in school was receiving three successive A's in one subject. He plans to become a machinist.

FRANCES MARY FANARA
8-5-3, 2; Mono 3; Tri-Y 4; Commercia 4.
Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind" is Frances' favorite book. She has a hobby of making a new friend each day.

SHIRLEY GEORGIA FELLOWS
Botany 2; Commercia 4; Orchestra 2, 3, 4.
Being taken into concert orchestra was "Shir's" most thrilling moment in school. Dagwood and Blondie are her favorite comic strip characters.

MARY LOUISE FERRUGGIA
GAA 2, 3, 4.
"May" believes that everyone must achieve his aims by himself; that otherwise they will never be truly achieved.

MARGERY ANN FEURER
8-5-3, 3; Tri-Y 3.
"Les", who admires a friendly person, chooses the Christmas holiday as her favorite because of its spirit of neighborliness.

ROY WILLIAM FIORELLO
To Roy, Americanism means "being your best when it comes time to help the welfare of the people."

ANTHONY PETER FIACCABINO
In his spare moments Tony, a fan of college football, enjoys collecting newspaper articles and pictures concerning his favorite sport.

LORRAINE DORIS FINLEY
Mono 2.
School has taught Lorraine, an ardent philatelist, that bashfulness and backwardness have no place in one's association with other people.

DARWIN CLARENCE FIBROW
Darwin believes that one should strive to take things as they come. Ray Noble is his favorite popular orchestra leader.

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MAXINE ETHEL FISHER
8-5-3, 4; French 2, 3; Home Room Vice-President 2, Secretary 2, 3.
"Max," a firm believer in the Golden Rule, desires more than anything else, to make a success out of her life.

ROBERTA MARIE FISHER
8-5-3, 4; Tri-Y.
Missing the people who have gone to East high, Bobby enjoys the public address system and the music at lunch time.

JOE DESSA LEE FISK
8-5-3, 4.
Admiring a person who does not think more of himself than he should, Joe would like to meet Gabriel Heatter.

DOROTHY JEAN FORBES
Tri-Y 4; Commercia 2; Mono 2, 3.
Dorothy feels that because of the quietness of the study halls, school has helped her to study more seriously.

EUGENE JACUES FORSYTHE
"Buck's" conception of Americanism, taken from the Pledge of Allegiance, is "one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

ADDISON BURR FOSS
Hi-Y 3, 4; 8-5-3, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4.
To attend the University of Arizona and study Chemical Engineering are "Add's" future plans. He likes to hunt, fish, and swim.

KENNETH JERRY FRALEY
8-5-3, 3, 4; Botany 3, Vice-President 4; Commercia 3; Athletic Council 4; Student Council 3; Home Room Secretary 2.
Naming Glenn Miller's orchestra and the popular song "Marie" as his favorites, "Kenny" says that his hobby is dancing.

CAROLE LEONE FRANSEN
Carole's hobby is making a collection of salt and pepper shakers. She desires a trip to Europe more than anything else.

ARMOND ANTHONY FRATELLO
Mono 2.
"Arm", whose hobby is reading books, chooses "Captain Courageous" by Rudyard Kipling as the one he particularly enjoys.

HELEN ELIZABETH FUCCA
GAA 2, 3, 4; Junior Glee 2.
"Lennie" will probably attend business college because her enjoyment of bookkeeping in school has given her a business outlook.

JANICE MAURIESE FUNNELL
Glee Club 3; 8-5-3, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Honorary Musical Society 4; A Cappella 4; Forum Secretary 3, 4.
More exciting than any other experience for Janice was the receiving of a prize for writing an essay on Americanism.

MARTHA CORRINE GALIANO
Music Appreciation 3, 4; La Forge Glee 2, 3; Tri-Y 2; Junior Glee 3; Mono 4; A Cappella 4.
For her philosophy of life, Martha says that "a smile can never fail to make dull things seem bright."

PEARL DELLA GERULIS
Mono 2, 3.
Admiring all friendly persons, Della chooses the President's wife as the famous personality she would like to meet.

LOUIS JOHN GIAMBRUNO
Commercia 4; "R" Club 4; Owl 4.
Being an honor roll student is regarded as Louis' most exciting experience. He enjoys music, especially that of Glenn Miller.

ANGELA THERESA GIANQUINTO
Home Room Secretary 2.
"Angie's" most exciting experience in school came during the assembly in which initiates were pledged to the National Honor Society.

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MARILYN JUNE GIBBS
Treble Clef Vice-President 3; Pan-American 2; Home Room Secretary 3, Treasurer 4.
"Gibby" would like to travel to South America. She says that her favorite musical composition is "Bolero," by Ravel.

FRANCES ELAINE GIBLER
Tri-Y 3, 4; Music Appreciation 2; Latin 2; French 4; Rab Authors 3, 4; Treble Clef 4; 8-5-3, 2, 3, 4.
In Franny's opinion the beginning of the war in Europe was the most important news event which took place in 1940.

DOROTHY ANN GILMORE
8-5-3, 4; Commercia 4.
"Dode" would like to meet President Roosevelt, whose re-election she believes was the most outstanding news event of 1940.

JOHN MARIO GIRARDIN
"R" Club 4; Athletic Council 4.
John likes New Year's Day because it is the start of a new year and a new life for him.

DONALD LE ROY GLASSON
"The more I know I know, I know I know the less," is the philosophy that school has taught Don.

CAMILLA GERTRUDE GLENNY
Seeing a baseball game whose players she knows taking part gives Camilla more enjoyment than watching any other sport.

JAMES GOOMAS
Commercia 4.
"Jimmie" desires to take a trip around the world with his longest stopping place being the South Sea Islands.

LOIS MAE GOUKER
The person who is willing to struggle for the thing he most desires and then attains it calls for admiration from Lois.

ZANE ERB GRAY
In his spare time Zane enjoys reading the works of serious writers; Thoreau's "Walden Pond" is one of his favorite books.

FRANCES IRENE GRIMM
GAA 2, 3, 4.
To Frances, active in GAA for three years, a chance to participate in the Olympics would produce the highest satisfaction.

KATHRYN MARILYN GRIPP
Mono 3; French 3; Junior Glee 3, 4; 8-5-3, 3, 4.
Kay's most thrilling experience was being asked to sing at a school dance. Griff Williams is her favorite popular orchestra.

SAM JOHN GUARINO
"R" Club 4.
Sam chooses to follow Emerson's philosophy, "For everything we gain we lose something, and for everything we lose we gain something."

JOSEPHINE ANN GULINO
8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Y 2, 3; Commercia 4; Home Room Treasurer 2, 3.
Jo, believing that life is what one makes it, is grateful to school for teaching her how to behave herself.

ROBERT CLINTON GUSTAFSON
"R" Club 2, 4, Treasurer 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, Co-Captain 4; Home Room President 2, 4; Class Vice-President 4.
Upsetting LaSalle's football team proved "Swede's" most exciting experience. He misses the unity of school spirit at Central high.

ALEX PETER GUSTOF
Mono 2; Conservation 4.
School has developed "Sandy's" interest in printing and poster work; he plans to enter this field of work after graduation.

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FRED JAMES HAESMEYER
Forum 4; 8-5-3, 4; Pan-American 4; Photography 4; Junior Engineering 4.
"Fritzie" misses the creaking floors in the middle building of the old high school. He lists stamp collecting as his hobby.

BETTY LENORA HAFEY
8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; Commercia 3, Vice-President 4; Mono 2, 3, 4; ABL 4; Tri-Y 3, 4; Forum 4.
Betty is of the opinion that there should be more straight forward, honest all-round good American citizens in the world.

CATHERINE ERMA HALL
8-5-3, 3, 4; Latin; ABL 4; Curtain 4; Honorary Musical 3, Vice-President 4; Glee 3, 4.
To "Kay" Americanism means the liberty of developing individualism and the freedom of expressing one's own ideas and opinions.

CLEO HALL
Commercia 4.
If given the opportunity to travel, Cleo would choose to visit the Lone Star State, where many of her relatives live.

EDNA HAMILTON
Botany 3.
"Ed", who has won silver and gold medals for public speaking, affirms that "Dreams without action never come true."

BEVERLY ELAINE HAND
Rab Authors 2, 3; Latin 2; ABL 4.
Beverly enjoys listening to Dick Jurgens' popular orchestra, but for semi-classical music she turns to Jeanette McDonald's type of songs.

JERRY LEROY HARMANSON
Hi-Y 4; Band 2, 3, Secretary 4.
"The Kingdom of Swing," by Benny Goodman, who is his favorite orchestra leader, is Jerry's choice among current books.

JULIA MAY HARPER
Mono 2, 3; A Cappella 4.
Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness all help to define Americanism for Judy, who appreciates a tried and true friend.

ARLIN GALE HARRIS
A recent arrival from Nebraska, Arlin chooses football as his preferred sport. He will take up shop work as a vocation.

BILL GREELY HASKELL
Home Room President 3; ROTC Captain 4.
To Bill, an ardent admirer of General Pershing, being appointed ROTC Captain was the most exciting experience in high school.

FANNIE BELLE HAWKS
Commercia 2, 3.
"Fay's" favorite orchestra leader is Duke Ellington; she names his song "Caravan" as her best-liked musical composition.

GERALD HENDRICKS
Latin 2; Mono 4; Library Board 4.
The feature of the new high school that Gerald has enjoyed most has been the new library with its many books.

ROBERT FRANKLIN HENDRICKS
8-5-3, 3, 4; Forum 3; Music Appreciation 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Home Room President 2, 3, Secretary 3, Treasurer 4.
Bob expresses his philosophy of life in the words, "Do your work well, but find the easiest way to do it."

MARGORIE ARLINE HETRICK
8-5-3, 2; Tri-Y 3, 4.
"Peggy" is grateful to school for teaching her to think and do things for herself. Dick Jurgens' orchestra is her favorite.

JEAN ALECK HOBEL
Jean's most exciting experience came in being a member of the first class to graduate from the new high school.

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JEAN MARY HOFFMAN
GAA 2, 3, 4; Tri-Y 3, 4; 8-5-3, 4; Walter Hampden 2, 4; Home Room Secretary-Treasurer 2, 3, 4.
Jean would like to meet Katharine Cornell. She admires a person with the ability to say or do as he wishes.

GLORIA HOPPER
Seco 2; GAA 2; Mono 4.
"Hoppie" says that the most important thing that school has done for her is to help her meet people.

JANE LOUISE HOUGH
GAA 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Home Room Vice-President 4.
With all sports her hobbies, Jane particularly enjoys baseball. Americanism to her means a light shining in a world of darkness.

JEAN BELLE HOUGH
Commercia 3, 4; Tri-Y 3; Social Arts 4.
Desiring friends more than anything else in the world, Jean is grateful to school for teaching her to co-operate with them.

BETTY LOU HOWARD
8-5-3, 3, 4; Commercia 3; Mono Vice-President 2; Student Council 2.
Mono Klub work has taught "Bett" that order can be maintained if one uses the right manner of enforcing the rules.

DONALD WESLEY HOWELL
Home Room President 2.
Don believes the passage, "United we stand, divided we fall," to be the real meaning of Americanism for him.

BERNARD WAYNE HUDSON
German Club 3; Rab Authors 3; Photography 4; Library Board 3, 4.
High school has inspired Bernie to enjoy education and to desire a college education to attain more and more knowledge.

JOHN FRED IANNI
Radio Club 2.
John feels that the most important thing school has done for him has been to teach him the pattern trade.

ROBERT JOHN ISRAEL
"Izzy's" philosophy of life is just to be himself, and to follow the Golden Rule as closely as possible.

DOROTHY CAROLINE JACOB
Commercia 3, 4; Tri-Y 4; Mono 4.
School has taught "Dot" the right methods of study and how to work, as well as interested her in bookkeeping.

ARTHUR DANIEL JACOBS
Because "Bud" hopes to be either an aviator or an aeronautical engineer, his favorite book is Assen Jordanoff's "Your Wings."

HARRIETT JANE JOHNS
Tri-Y Treasurer 2, Secretary 3, 4; ABL 3, 4; Commercia 4.
This world would be a better place if people were more critical of themselves, and less critical of others, Harriett believes.

ARTHUR THOMAS JOHNSON
Rab Authors 2, 3; Forum 2, 3; 8-5-3, 2; Debate 3, 4.
Intending to become a lawyer, Arthur has derived benefit from debate. He admires an honest, reliable, gay sort of person.

DONALD BRIGGS JOHNSON
8-5-3, 3, 4; Forum 4; German 3; Walter Hampden 3; Rab Authors 3.
Don would like enough money to become a gentleman of leisure. He considers the Italo-Greek war important news of 1940.

NORMA GLORIA JOHNSON
A Cappella Choir 3, 4.
"Snooks" experienced her most exciting school experience when she went to Urbana to participate in the All-State Chorus.

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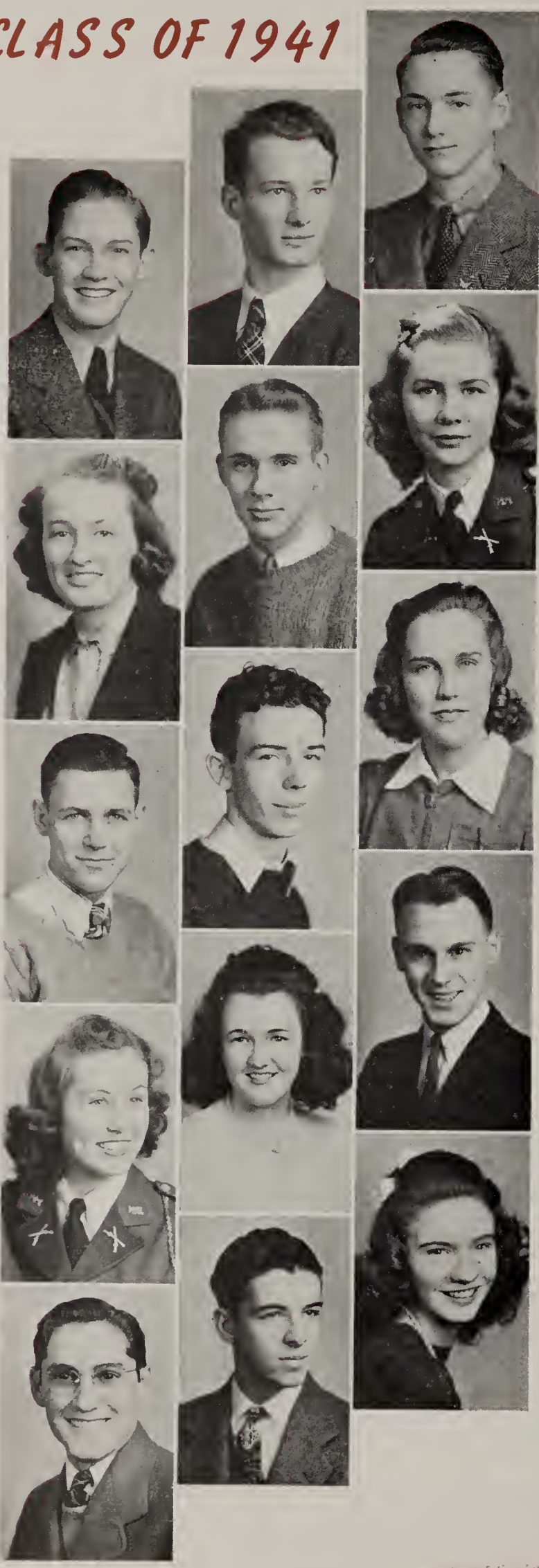

Best of Luck
Paul H. Johnson

PAUL HJALLMER JOHNSON
8-5-3, 2; Mono 2.
After attending Northwestern, "Swede" plans to become a dentist. He has enjoyed the peace and quiet of the new school.

RICHARD ADAMS JOHNSON
Band 2, 3; Orchestra 4.
"If one keeps well and thinks well, he will get along well," is the philosophy Dick tries to follow.

ROY HENRY JOHNSON
8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; Commercia 2, 3, 4; Rab Authors 3; Forum 3, 4; Pan-American Vice-President 4.
"Swede's" most exciting experience while in school came when he competed over the radio in last year's spelling contest.

ELEANOR MAE JONES
Commercia 3, 4.
More than anything else, Eleanor desires that action be taken to clean up slums and to educate those who are illiterate.

WILLIAM HOUGHTON JOSLYN
"R" Club 4; Home Room President 2, Treasurer 4; Student Council Treasurer 3; National Athletic Scholarship Society 4.
Bill has thoroughly enjoyed the new swimming pool. His most exciting experience came at the State Swimming meet at New Trier.

JUANITA FRANCES JUHLIN
8-5-3, 2; Home Room Secretary 3, 4; ROTC Sponsor 4.
Receiving a merit bar at the competitive drill was "Julie's" most exciting experience. She misses the old school's dilapidated lockers.

LLOYD LEROY KANT
ROTC, his favorite subject, has also proved especially beneficial to Lloyd, who says it taught him to obey orders.

JOHN ALBERT KASCH
Home Room Vice-President 3.
As his favorite movie "Hickory" selects "The Crusades." The most enjoyable reading experience was the book, "Beau Geste," by Christopher Wren.

LOIS JEAN KELLEY
8-5-3, 3; GAA 2.
In line with Latin, her favorite subject in high school, Lois plans to attend Rockford College and eventually to teach foreign language.

BETTY JOY KELLY
Honorary Musical 2, Vice-President 3, President 4; Orchestra 2, 3, President 4; Curtain Club Vice-President 4; Student Council 2; ROTC Sponsor 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Home Room Treasurer 4.
As Betty Joy's hobby is piano playing, she has derived the most benefit from her participation in the orchestra.

MONICA MARGARET KELLY
8-5-3, 3, 4; Commercia 3; Curtain 2; Home Room Secretary 4.
As Monica likes art, she hopes to study at St. Mary's College in preparation for a career as an artist.

GEORGE MARTIN KELTNER
Student Council 2; Music Appreciation 2, 4; 8-5-3, 4; Forum 4; Walter Hampden 3; Home Room President 3; Band Manager, 2, 3, 4.
"Kelly" says he is grateful for the experience, fellowship, and start toward his profession which the band has given him.

CYRIL FRANCIS KEYE
The most important thing that high school has done for "Cy" has been to teach him to think for himself.

RAYMOND LYLE KINNEY
Home Room Secretary 2.
Ray believes that the ROTC gave him the greatest benefit in school; however, he did enjoy his bookkeeping class.

VERGENE HELEN KIRBY
Pan-American 2, 3, 4; 8-5-3, 3, 4; Tri-Y 2; Commercia 4.
Because she has enjoyed sports as a hobby and in gym classes, Gene plans to become a physical education teacher.

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MARGUERITE EVELYN KISTING
Commercia 3, 4; 8-5-3, 4.
Watching football games is the sport "Maggie" most enjoys. "Gone With the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell is her favorite book.

JAMES KLEIN
8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; Forum 3, 4; Hi-Y 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2.
In his spare time Jimmie practices his clarinet. He feels he received a great deal of benefit from the band.

LORRAINE MAE KRAMER
To Lorraine, Americanism means a free people and a free country in which everyone is treated in the same manner.

BETTE JANE KREUTER
Tri-Y 3; Commercia 3, President 4; 8-5-3 Treasurer 4; Student Council 4.
To Bette, her four years in high school have been one exciting experience. She wishes she might have met Knute Rockne.

ROBERT HERMAN KUHLMEIER
Junior Engineering 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Home Room President 2.
To Bob, Americanism means the freedom of speech and press and appreciation of the best land that the sun shines upon.

DEVER PAUL LANGHOLF
"Danny's" hobby is figure skating and his favorite sports, roller and ice skating. He plans to enter the navy.

FAY EUGENE LARRISON
Home Room President 2.
Fay enjoys the swimming pool in the new school and misses the rat alley of old Rockford High School.

JAMES ALBERT LAWRENCE
Forum 2, Vice-President 3, President 4; Rab Authors 3; Commercia 3; Walter Hampden 3; German 3; Student Council 3; Mono 2, 3, 4.
If given the opportunity to have anything in the world that he wanted Jimmie would choose a hundred million dollars.

RUTH ANN LAWRENCE
Honorary Musical Society 2; Music Appreciation 3; Daubers 3, 4; Glee 2, 3, 4.
To Ruth Ann, Americanism means an opportunity to develop one's individual personality through the freedom of a democratic country.

LOIS ELIZABETH LEAF
8-5-3, 3, 4; Tri-Y 3, 4; Commercia 3, 4.
Leafy, who makes a hobby of writing to movie stars for their pictures, would rather meet Jeanette MacDonald than any other actor.

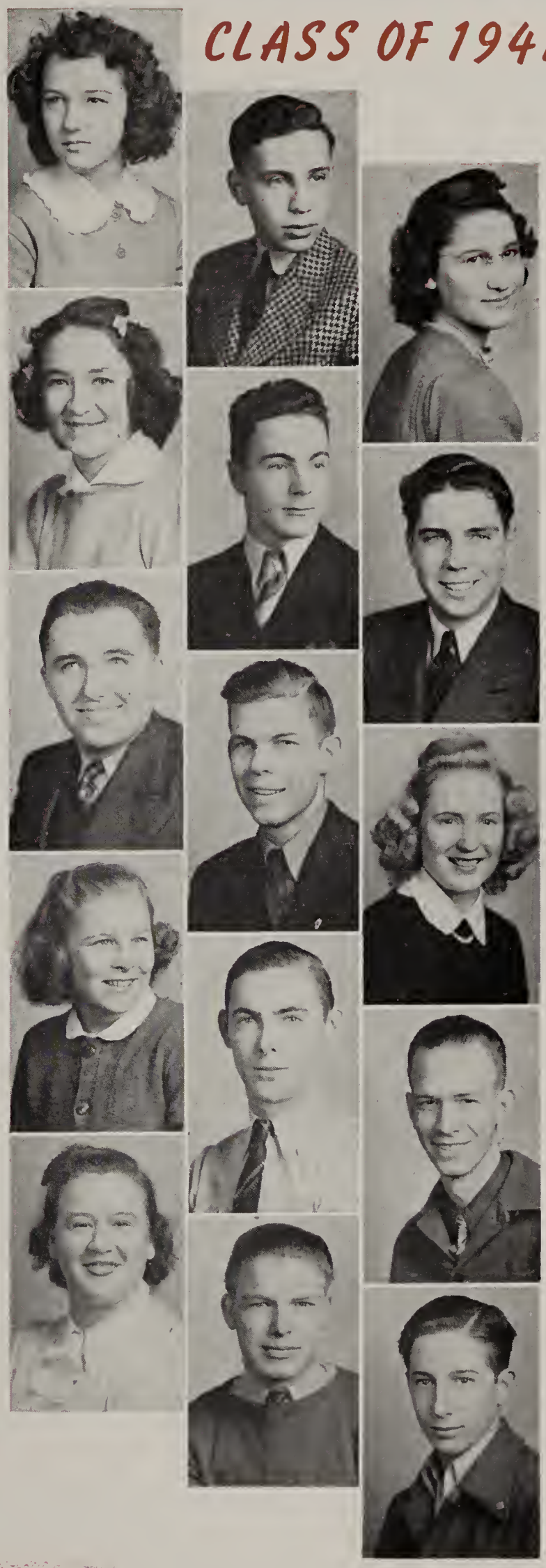
WILTON JOSEPH LEIGH
Wilton observes that life might well be regarded merely as a dream from which one should never try to awaken.

WILLIAM JAMES LEIBFORTH
Zoo 2.
Ever since Bill has won an award at the Junior Academy of Science Convention, he has aspired to become a chemist.

VIRGINIA ELIZABETH LENIUS
Commercia 2, 3.
Virginia believes in seeing America first, and her first desire is to travel through the western states, especially California.

WILLIAM BRYCE LEWIS
Student Council 4; Home Room Secretary 3, Vice-President 3.
Bill feels that the most important thing school has done for him has been teaching him to express himself before others.

JOSEPH FRANCIS LICARI
Joe would like, more than anything else in the world, to be the possessor of a very beautiful home.



As their class play, last year's seniors presented "Ladies of the Jury", directed by Miss Pearson. Mildred Field, Shirley Madsen, Helen Wolfensperger, and Robert Dresser are shown during the jury's deliberation.

The annual banquet for February graduates was held in the cafeteria. Among those at the speakers' table were Roger Arendsee, Richard Cross, Miss Vincent, John Whitehead, Mr. Blue, and Willard Mackey, master of ceremonies.

Aiding Miss Vincent by handing out commencement and baccalaureate tickets, Miss Knill is shown with seniors of 1940.

ACTIVITIES

One responsibility of the Senior class is to decorate the school and create Christmas spirit around holiday time. This year many beautiful Christmas trees were placed throughout the building. Janet Pfieffer, Harriette Ryan, John Whitehead, Philip Alongi, and Jane Stanbery are shown putting the finishing touches on a tree.

Each year the Senior officers measure their classmates for the caps and gowns to be worn at graduation time. Robert Gustafson, class vice-president, and Sally Carter, secretary, are shown taking the measurements of Jane Mannering and David Williams.

An event of great importance to seniors is the Senior prom, held last year in the Armory. Among the 411 couples were Juanita Juhlin and Carlton Anderson, Frances Shugart and Dick Kaberg.

Following a time-honored tradition, Lucy Savetski is obtaining Mr. Blue's signature for her RHS Annual.

ACTIVITIES

Senior class officers elected to serve during the second semester were Sally Carter, secretary, Wendell Veach, president, Jane Stanbery, treasurer, and Robert Gustafson, vice-president. They are shown with Miss Vincent, Senior counselor, discussing their responsibilities among which are planning for the Senior prom, Senior play, and commencement.

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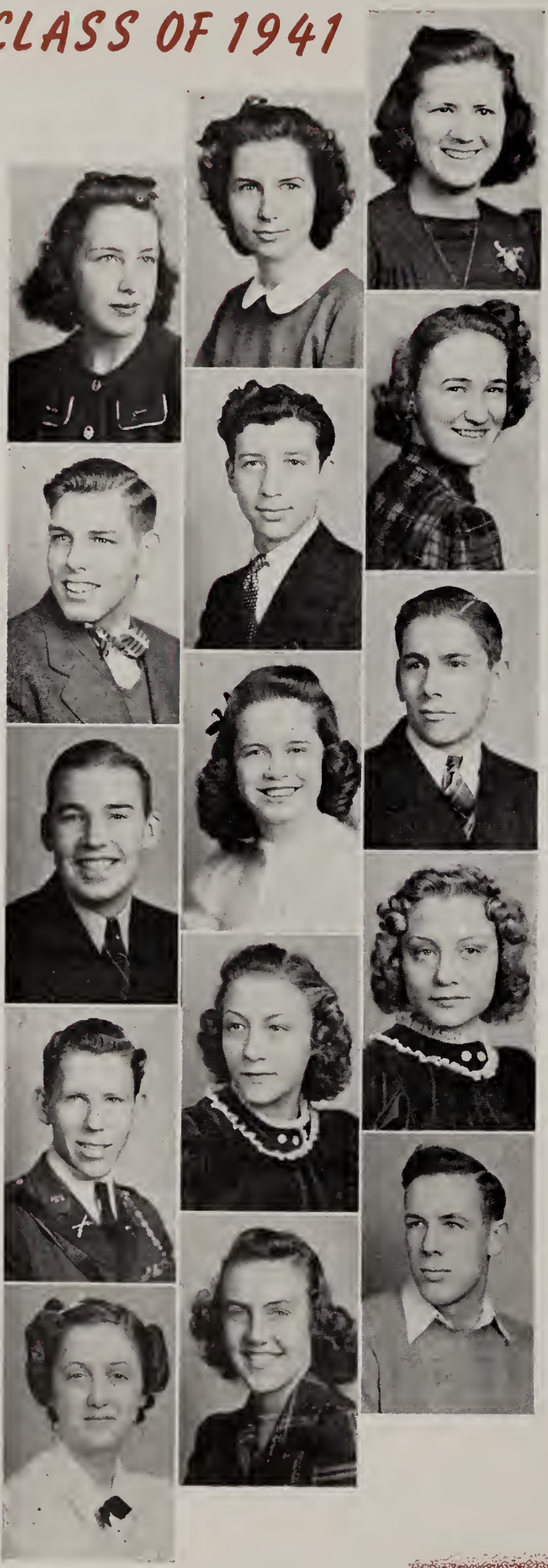

GERALDINE LOUISE LINDLEY
The music at lunch time is what "Jerry" likes in the new school. She enjoys hearing especially Kay Kyser arrangements.

MARGARET AMANDA LINDQUIST
Student Council 2, 3, 4; Tri-Y 2; A Cappella 3, Secretary 4; Music Appreciation 2, 3.
"Peggy" believes that life's greatest lucky piece is a smile. She was one of West's representatives in the All-State chorus.

LOIS IRENE LINK
Mono 3, 4; Commercia 3, 4; Glee 3.
Lois' most exciting experience while in school came when she took shorthand faster than anyone else in her class.

WILLIAM PATRICK LOGAN
Rab Authors 3; 8-5-3, 4.
Bill believes that living in the American way means placing confidence in the officers that have been duly elected.

PAUL ANDREW LOMBARDO
One of the most exciting experiences high school afforded Paul was the opportunity of attending the 1940 Junior Prom.

ADA IRENE LONGENECKER
Mono Secretary 3, Treasurer 3, President 4; Commercia 4.
"Happy's" most exciting experience came to her when, in a show at Peoria Woodruff high, she placed first among eighteen acts.

FRED RAY LOOMER
Hi-Y 3, 4; Commercia 4; "R" Club 4; Home Room Vice-President 4.
To Fritz, Americanism means, above all, no war. He feels that the fall of France was 1940's most important event.

JEANNE ALICE LOWE
French 2, 3; 8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; ABL 4; Tri-Y 2, 3, 4; Commercia 4; Student Council 4.
More than anything else Jeanne would like to be able to sing or play exceptionally well, some musical instrument.

DALE EDWARD LUHMAN
Dale enjoys listening to Boake Carter. In musical compositions, his favorite is "Down Argentina Way"; in movies, "Northwest Mounted Police."

JOHN CHARLES McCARTHY
French 2; 8-5-3, 4; Hi-Y 4; Home Room Vice-President 2; Band Vice-President 4; ROTC Captain 4.
Jack's philosophy of life is "Don't waste time getting even with your enemies; spend your efforts getting ahead of them."

ELLEN MARTHA McCONNAUGHAY
Daubers 2; German 2.
The three "L's", "Live, and Let Live", form "Mickie's" philosophy of life. She would like to meet crooner, Bing Crosby.

HELEN LOUISE McCONNAUGHAY
Daubers 2; German Club 3; Home Room Treasurer 2.
"Connie" feels that her science courses in school have helped greatly in preparing her for her future career in nursing.

BETTY JANE McGUIRE
Tri-Y 2; GAA 4; 8-5-3, 4; Social Arts Club 4.
Bettys high school experiences have taught her that deep concentration will prove to be a valuable asset for future life.

BARBARA GERTRUDE McMARRAN
Tri-Y 2, Secretary 3, 4; Pan-American 2, 3, 4; 8-5-3, 3, 4; Commercia 4.
After leaving high school, "Bobbie" will head for University of Wisconsin, where she will study to be either a doctor or a nurse.

WILLARD CLYDE MACKEY
Home Room President 2, 3, 4; "R" Club 3, 4; Swimming 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Vice-President; Owl 2, Sports Editor 3, Editor 4; Student Council Vice-President 3.
That Mac prefers journalism as a career might be guessed from his participation in publications. For a sport he enjoys swimming.

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MARY JANE MACKIE
8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; ABL 3, 4; Botany 3; Photography Secretary 4; Curtain Club 4.
Books in general and those of Mary Rinehart in particular occupy a great many of Mary Jane's spare moments.

RUSSELL JAMES MALUEG
Commercia Vice-President 3; Home Room President 2, Treasurer 3, 4.
Although Russ has enjoyed all of his subjects in school his social science course has really been his favorite.

JANE JEANETTE MANNERING
8-5-3, 3; Tri-Y 3; Commercia 2; Mono 2; Home Room Secretary 4.
Jane is curious to know what the outcome of the European war will be as she desires to visit in England.

AGNES JEAN MARINELLI
GAA 2, 3, 4; Commercia 4; Tri-Y 4.
Receiving a letter award in GAA, and being chosen for a tournament team were two of Aggie's most exciting moments.

EUGENE MARTIN
In Gene's opinion, the game in which West high defeated LaSalle-Peru brought about a climax to the football season.

BYRON PETER MASCHKE
Byron feels that the most important thing school has done for him has been to broaden his outlook on life.

IRA RICHARD MATTHEWS
To Ira the passing of the draft bill in Congress was the most important single news event in 1940.

GRACE LOUISE MEENEN
GAA 2, 3, 4; Latin 2, 3; Rab Authors 2, Secretary 3; Tri-Y 3; ABL 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Annual Editor 4.
If offered anything in the world that she desired, Gracie would choose a peaceful life spent in service to mankind.

RODNEY JOHN MELENG
Zoo 3; Band 2, 3, 4.
Band has given Rodney pleasure, not only as a subject, but also as a hobby. His favorite sport is baseball.

MARY LORETTA MELI
Commercia 3, 4; Social Arts Secretary 4.
Mary has appreciated the neatness, newness, and pleasant arrangement in the new school. She would like to travel to Bermuda.

ROBERT HENRY MESSNER
"Mush" believes that if one gives the world the best he has, the best will come back to him.

FREDERICK AUGUST MEYER
Botany 3; Rab Authors 3; Honorary Musical Society 3, 4.
While in school Fred received his greatest thrill taking part as a lieutenant in the ROTC competitive drill.

JENNIE JOAN MICHELON
GAA 2, 3, 4; French 4; Tri-Y 3, 4; Rab Authors 2, 3; Zoo 2, Associate Editor 3.
Jennie believes that the most important thing which school has done for her has been to make her a better citizen.

MAIDA ROGENE MILHAVEN
Botany President 2, Secretary 3, Treasurer 3.
Maida says that science classes have been her favorites, and that she has particularly enjoyed her experiences in Botany club.

BENNY KATE MILLER
Tri-Y 2; Walter Hampden 2, 3; Student Council 2, 3; Home Room President 2.
"Variety is the spice of life" is the philosophy of "Benjamin", a firm believer in individuality, but not hypocrisy.

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FREDERICK COLEMAN MILLER
After attending University of Chicago, "Fritz" hopes to become a retail seller. Bobsledding and flying are his favorite methods of recreation.

ROY JUNIOR MILLER
Home Room Treasurer 2.
The feature of the new high school which Roy has enjoyed most has been the pottery kiln in the art room.

ARDITH ELAINE MILLHOUSE
ABL 4; German 3; Orchestra 2, 3, 4.
In her spare time Ardith likes to collect travel folders from the famous places which she has visited.

MARY JANE MINCEMOYER
Music Appreciation 3, 4; Glee 3, 4; Treble Clef 2, 3.
Enjoying the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts, Mary Jane has found Glee club especially beneficial. Ravel's "Bolero" is her favorite composition.

VICTOR GARFIELD MONKS
Home Room President 3, Vice-President 2, 4.
Because hunting is his hobby, Victor greatly enjoys reading the magazine, "Rifles." "The Long Hunt" is his favorite book.

HERBERT DOUGLAS MOORE
Herbert, whose nickname is "Froggy," enjoyed seeing Kay Kyser and his orchestra in the movie, "That's Right, You're Wrong."

CARLYLE EUGENE MORIG
Orchestra 3, Vice-President 4.
The new orchestra room and its equipment are features of the new high school which "Cully" has enjoyed most.

ROBERT FLOYD MORTENSON
The type of person Bob admires is one who will be game and participate in any sport or activity.

JACK HENRY MULDER
Since Jack's hobby is hunting, he would like to travel to darkest Africa, where he could indulge in this sport.

BARBARA LOUISE MULLEN
Commercia 3, 4; 8-5-3, 2; Art 2.
Shorthand has been an enjoyable subject to "Bobby" because she plans to become a private secretary after attending business college.

BERNICE ELIZABETH MUMMA
GAA 2, 3, 4; 8-5-3, 2.
"Benny" believes in the old saying, "See America First"; the states of Louisiana, Tennessee, and California, lure her especially.

WILLIAM JOHN MURPHY
As his philosophy of life Bill chooses the saying, "Be cautious of all people until you know their ways."

JAMES EDWARD MURRAY
Hi-Y 3, 4; 8-5-3, 4; Forum 4.
Jim plans to attend the University of Texas, where he will study in preparation for chemical engineering.

JACK LA VERNE NAILL
When Jack is not actually out hunting, he enjoys "Hunting and Fishing," his favorite magazine, or "The Shadow," a radio program.

RUTH VIRGINIA NELSON
More than anything else, "Ginnie" desires to have a feeling of peace and security in a world now filled with turmoil.

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WILLIAM NELSON
"R" Club 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, President 4; Junior Engineering 4; Student Council 3; Annual 4.
Bill names "Restless Is the River," by Derleth, as his favorite book. "St. Louis Blues" is his choice among musical compositions.

PHILLIP ANGELO NICOLOSI
Glee 3, 4; Walter Hampden 2, 3, 4; Forum 4; 8-5-3, 3, 4; Home Room Vice-President 2; Athletic Council 4.
Debate has proved both beneficial and interesting to Phil since he intends to enter the field of law as his vocation.

RAY JAMES NIHAN
8-5-3, 3, 4; Pan-American 3, 4; Hi-Y 3; "R" Club 3, Secretary 4; Walter Hampden 3; Home Room President 3, 4.
Above all else, Ray wants to continue living a normal life in a country like America among people like Americans.

NORMAN SAUL NIMAN
Glee Club 2, 3, Vice-President 4; Mixed Glee 2, 3, 4; Music Appreciation 3, President 4; A Cappella 2, 3, 4.
A Cappella has been of great pleasure and benefit to Norman. He has enjoyed the conveniences of the new choral room.

HENRY CHARLES NIVINSKI
Junior Engineering 4; Home Room Vice-President 3.
Since he enjoys especially attendance at boxing matches, "Hank" would like to meet the famous heavyweight pugilist, Billy Conn.

PATRICIA ANN NORTON
8-5-3, 3, 4; ABL 3, 4; Mono 2; Home Room Vice-President 4; ROTC Sponsor 4.
Pat's favorite movie was "The Mortal Storm." Travel in the South Seas with an abundance of money is her desire.

ROY WALTER NORTON
8-5-3, 4; Photography 4; Junior Engineering Society 4.
Roy, planning to enter some branch of aeronautical engineering in the future, finds that "Aviation" is his favorite among magazines.

FRANK EDWIN OBERG
Frank admires the type of person who is friendly and helpful to everyone. Above all, he dislikes any form of snobbery.

FRANCES GERTRUDE OGDEN
GAA 2, 3, 4; Commercia 3.
"Pug" has enjoyed shorthand and typing because these subjects have prepared her for stenography, the work she plans to enter.

ANDREW CARL O'GUIN
Pan-American 3, 4; Home Room President 2, Vice-President 3.
Shaking hands with Wendell Wilkie when the presidential candidate was in Rockford was the experience which gave Andy his greatest thrill.

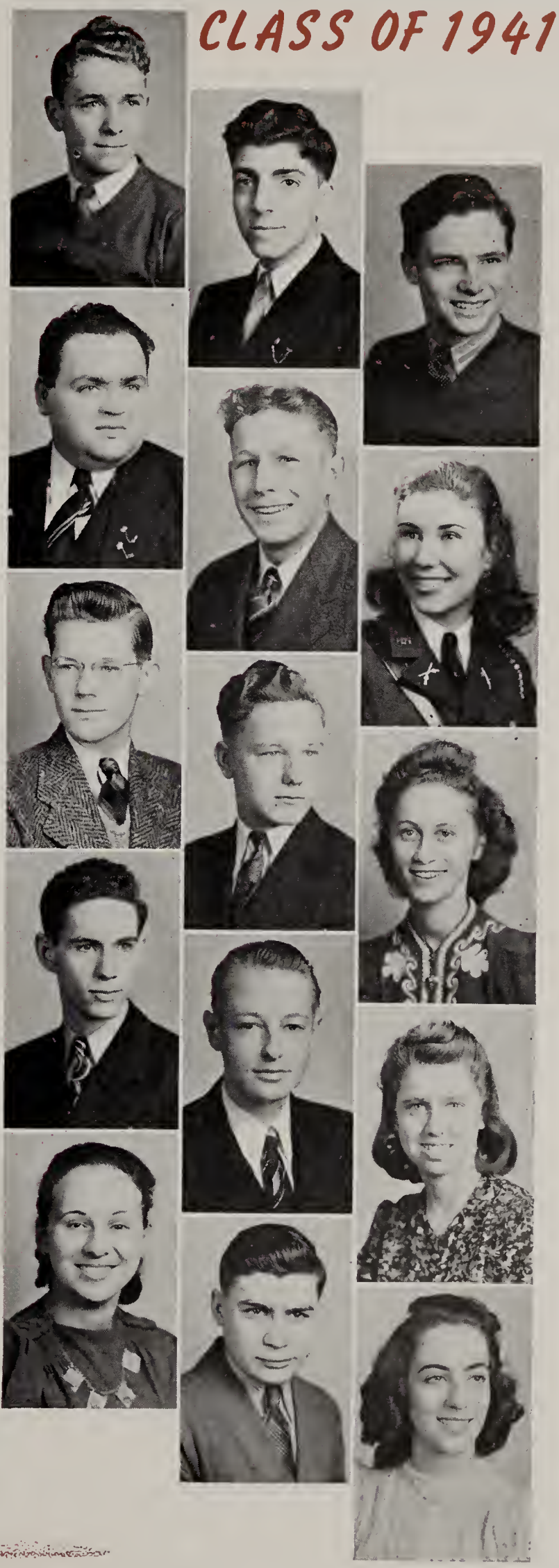
ARLAND BIRGER OLSEN
Arlund misses the noise and confusion accompanying the trains and fire trucks that were ever present near the old high school.

EUGENOUS AGNES OLSON
Since Eugenous has enjoyed classes in clothing more than any other, she appreciates the value of the new clothing room.

GENEVA GRACE OLSON
GAA 2, 3, 4; Commercia 4; Social Arts 4; Home Room Vice-Presidaent 2.
Going to her first military hop rates as Geneva's most exciting experience in high school. Bookkeeping has been her favorite subject.

WAYNE RUPERT OTTO
"R" Club 3, 4; National Athletic Scholarship Society 3, 4; Home Room Vice-President 3, President 4.
Henry Aldrich is Wayne's favorite humorous radio character. Receiving a notice of his election to National Honor Society was his most thrilling experience.

LEONA PATRICIA PACE
Commercia 3.
Leona has chosen to follow this philosophy of life, "Yesterday is gone; tomorrow may never come; today is ours."



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PATRICIA ELIZABETH PADON
8-5-3, 3.
Pat admires a person who has a pleasing personality and the ability to make friends with different types of people.

CELIA MATHILDA PATTON
Celia liked her clothing and foods classes in high school. In the future she hopes to work in the dress-making field.

ROSE CONSTANCE PAVONE
Tri-Y 2, 3; GAA 3; Swimming Captain 2; Student Assistant 4.
"Do what you can the best you can" advises Rose. She declares that school has taught her to think for herself.

ALBERT SAM PEILA
Being given a chance to play in a basketball game in the Armory was Albert's most exciting high school experience.

JOAN ELIZABETH PERKINS
A Cappella 3, Vice-President 4; Junior Glee President 2; French 2, President 3; Honorary Musical Society 3, 4; Student Council Secretary 4; Curtain Club Secretary 4; ROTC Sponsor 4; National Honor Society 4.
One of "Perkie's" most exciting experiences occurred in her senior year when she marched as a sponsor with the ROTC.

ADELBERT EDWIN PETERSON
Among famous people, "Pete" would most like to meet Babe Ruth. He admires a "straight from the shoulder" type of person.

DOROTHY ELIZABETH PETERSON
Seco 3; Tri-Y 3, 4; ABL 4.
Dot would like very much to possess a new maroon convertible coupe. In it she would travel to California.

DOROTHY LOUISE PETERSON
Student Council 4.
Dorothy, who finds that she has missed nothing about the old school, has aspirations of attending Beloit College after graduation.

JEAN MAY PETERSON
Besides the ramps "Pete" misses the fun of hunting hidden rooms at old Rockford high. She would like to meet Eddie Cantor.

VIVIAN LORRAINE PETERSON
Because her favorite subject in high school has been stenography, Viv plans to enter business college to further her studies.

JANET LOUISE PFEIFFER
8-5-3, 2, 3, Vice-President 4, Secretary 4; Tri-Y 2; ABL 3, Secretary 4; French 2, Vice-President 2, 3, 4; ROTC Sponsor 4; National Honor Society 4.
"Head on My Pillow" is Janet's favorite musical composition. She enjoys the new library but misses her East side friends.

ANN MARIE PIAI
GAA 2, 3, 4; 8-5-3, 4; Commercia 2.
"Honey," whose philosophy is "Honesty is the best policy," has much admiration for a sincere, neat, and all-round person.

VICTOR PETER PIZZUTO
"R" Club 3, 4; Track 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Home Room President 2, 3, 4.
Almost all sports are hobbies to "Vic," who has found his letter awards and membership of the "R" club exciting and beneficial.

LUCILLE MARY POHL
GAA 2, 3, 4; Art 4.
The features that Lu misses about the old school are the crooked halls, and walking through the fallen plaster.

FRANCES JUNE PORCELLO
Frances, who admires a musically gifted person, was greatly impressed when she heard Rubinoff play his violin in school.

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JOHN MULLER POWELL
8-5-3, 3, President 4; Pan-American 3, 4; Home Room President 4, Vice-President 3; Hi-Y 3, 4.
"Those who speak volumes should be put on the shelf," is Jack's belief. He would like to meet Wendell Wilkie.

WILLIAM CLIFTON PUGH
Bill believes that Germany's bombings of London were 1940's most important event. He hopes that this country can always maintain peace.

DOROTHY MAY PURVIN
Dot's favorite popular orchestra is Benny Goodman. "The Aldrich Family" is rated as her favorite among radio programs.

BETTY ADORAL PUTNEY
Latin 2; 8-5-3, 4; Tri-Y 2, 4.
Betty's favorite serious radio program is "The World Today," a program of news broadcast from all over the world.

ALYCE ANNE PYZYNSKI
Mono 3, 4; 8-5-3, 3, 4; Commercia 3, 4; Seco 2; Rab Authors 3.
The philosophy of life which Alyce abides by is "Aim at the stars, but keep your feet on the ground."

MARIAN LUCILLE QUIXLEY
Tri-Y Secretary 2; 8-5-3, 2; Honorary Musical Society 2, 3, Secretary 4; A Cappella 2, 3, Treasurer 4; Music Appreciation 3.
Christmas is the holiday "Tonie" likes best because of its appealing music. A Cappella choir has been her favorite activity.

ELDEN RAASCH
Mono 4; Home Room Treasurer 4; Band 2, 3, 4.
While in high school Elden's favorite class has been band. He likes to spend his spare time playing his cornet.

CAROLYN FRANCES RAMER
GAA 2, 3, 4.
To meet Tom Harmon, the famous football player, is one of Carolyn's main desires. She has enjoyed her GAA activities.

FRED MATTHEW RAMER
Rifle Team 2, 3, 4; Home Room Secretary 2.
The ROTC, military hop, and other military activities have interested "Duke." He values experiences and friends gained in school.

EVELYN AMERICA RAMSEY
Commercia 4; Student Council 3; National Honor Society 3, 4; Home Room Secretary 4.
An admirer of the news commentator, Dorothy Thompson, Evelyn believes that France's surrender to Germany was the year's important news event.

BARBARA JANE RAUP
Tri-Y 2; Commercia 3, 4.
High school has greatly helped Barbara to fulfill her desire and develop her philosophy of helping and cooperating with others.

ERMA MARILYN RICHARDS
GAA 2, 3, 4; French 3; Zoo 3.
Working on the library board in the new library has been a memorable experience for Erma. Writing poetry is her hobby.

CLARENCE EDWARD RICKLEFF
A Cappella Choir 4.
"Life is short and sweet, so don't waste any of it," is the philosophy of life Clar has chosen to follow.

GAYLORD FRANKLIN RING
A Cappella President 4; Home Room President 4.
"Gay's" philosophy of life is this: "One will get out of life just what he has put into it."

MARY ELLEN RODWELL
Pan-American 2; Mono 2, 3, 4; GAA 2, 3, 4; Home Room President 2.
Because of the day's noise and historic significance, Mary Ellen chooses July the Fourth as her favorite national holiday.

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HELEN MAE ROLAND
GAA 2; Mono Secretary 4; Athletic Council 4.
Helen liked the high school football and basketball games. "Life is what you make it" is her guiding philosophy.

ROBERT BRUCE ROSECRANCE
Junior Engineering 4; "R" Club 4; Home Room Vice-President 4; National Athletic Scholarship 3, 4.
"Roste," a golf enthusiast, says that his most exciting experience was when he participated in the state golf meet at Peoria.

ROGER WARREN ROSS
8-5-3, 3; Conservation 4; Hi-Y 3; Home Room President 4.
"Rog" plans to attend one of the large Western universities, where he will study for the United States Forestry Service.

FAITH LOTTIE ROSSIER
Tri-Y 2; Commercia 4.
A person who is always happy, jolly, and full of fun is one who is very greatly admired by Faith.

ROMONA JOYCE ROTE
Art Club Vice-President 3; German 2.
Mona enjoys the many new faces and the swimming pool at West, but she misses the old school's creaky stairs.

LUCIA ANN RUGLAND
Botany 2; Athletic Council 4.
Since scientific courses are Lucia's favorites, she has enjoyed the well equipped chemistry and physics laboratories in the new school.

MITCHELL GEORGE RUMORE
Junior Engineering 3.
To have an opportunity to tour the United States in a Packard Convertible sedan is one of "Mickey's" greatest desires.

HARRIETTE MAE RYAN
Pan-American 2, 4; Tri-Y 2; 8-5-3, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4.
Hattie feels that the most important thing school has done for her has been to broaden her outlook on life.

EDWARD GEORGE SABLE
Photography Club 4.
Teaching a sense of responsibility and overcoming self-consciousness are two of the important things school has done for Ed.

BARBARA ANN SALISBURY
ABL 3, 4; Rab Authors 3; Curtain 4; Music Appreciation 4.
Barbara enjoyed reading "The Tale of Two Cities" by Dickens. The Andy Hardy series of movies is a favorite of hers.

WILLIAM CAROL SALSBURY
In "Salzee's" opinion, the most important single news event in 1940 was President Roosevelt's election to a third term.

CLYDE ARCHER SALTZGIVER
Clyde's hobby is working. Perhaps this industrious attitude is partly responsible for his winning prizes in two poster contests.

EUGENE LLOYD SANDELL
Christmas rates highest among holidays in Gene's estimation, because he enjoys giving away presents as well as receiving them.

LILLIAN ANNA SAUTEL
GAA 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; A Cappella 4; Commercia 3; Tri-Y 3; Mixed Glee 4.
Her first day in the A Cappella choir, the organization which has benefited her most, rated as "Red's" most exciting experience.

JEAN CATHREN SCHALCK
Tri-Y 2; Student Council 4; 8-5-3, 4.
"Jeanie" expounds the theory that one's fate depends upon his character, and for that reason character should be developed.

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JAMES WILLIAM SCHALF
Home Room Vice-President 2, 3.
Jim believes that one should sow his very best today, for tomorrow is harvest. He would like to meet the President.

ROBERTA HELEN SCHMALING
8-5-3, 3, 4; Tri-Y 2, 3; Curtain Club 4; Student Council 3; Annual 4.
"Bobbe" feels that this year she has missed her friends from the East side and the friendliness of the old school.

WILLIAM PAUL SCHMIDT
Daubers 2, 3; President 4.
Though missing the traditions of Central, Bill has enjoyed the architecture of West and the use of its many new facilities.

PATRICIA MORAN SCHMITZ
8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; French 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2, 3; Rab Authors 2, 3; Curtain Club 4; Annual 4.
"Ho! Hum! Tomorrow is another day," says Pat. The "Reader's Digest" and "Information, Please" are her favorites in magazine and radio programs.

RAMONA ALMA SCHMOOK
8-5-3, 4; ABL 4; Social Arts Club 4.
Two things which Ramona desires more than anything are good health and happiness. Her philosophy is "Laugh to be healthy."

RUTH EVERDINE SCHREIBER
8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; Pan-American 2, 3, 4; Curtain 4; Tri-Y 3, 4; Owl-Annual 4.
Blowing up "the works" in chemistry was Ruth's most exciting experience. She admires one who is smart without being a bookworm.

MARY JANE SEABERG
8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; French 4; Curtain Club 4; Home Room Secretary 3, Treasurer 4; Student Council 2; Annual 4.
"Seabe" chooses Christmas as her favorite holiday because she likes to buy things. Abbie and Slats are her best liked comic characters.

BETTY JEAN SEARS
Mono 3; 8-5-3, 4; ABL 4.
Betty admires a person who ranks high in all the qualities which are listed in the school's personnel rating blanks.

GENE CALVIN SHATTUCK
8-5-3, 2, 3; A Cappella 3, 4; Glee Vice-President 2, 3, President 4; Curtain Club Treasurer 3, President 4.
Gene's most enjoyable times in school have been connected with the class plays and operettas; he hopes to become a playwright.

FRANCES VERNIE SHAW
GAA 2, 3, 4; Home Room Vice-President 2; La Forge Glee Secretary 2.
"Lucky", after having received a GAA letter, believes she gained much experience from her three years of membership in that organization.

DONALD WARREN SHEDD
Home Room President 2, 4, Vice-President 3, 4.
Don regards Roosevelt's re-election as the most important news event in 1940. In his opinion, Dick Jurgens' band is highest in rank.

JAMES WHITNEY SHELDEN
"R" Club Secretary 3, Treasurer 4; Home Room President 2, 3, 4; Debate 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; National Athletic Scholarship 4; Class Secretary 4; ROTC Captain 4.
Jim, whose nickname is "Ace", believes in the old saying, "Variety is the spice of life."

BETTY MARIE SIRTON
Mono 4; Art 4; ABL 4; Rab Authors 2; Home Room Vice-President 2, Treasurer 3.
Art has been Betty's favorite subject; for this reason she has enjoyed most the art rooms in the new school.

LEONARD FRANK SISTI
Commercia 2.
Leonard, who appreciates America as the land of the free, is a fan of the radio program, "We, the People."

CHARLES SKINNER
8-5-3, 4; Hi-Y 4; "R" Club 4.
Being manager of the basketball team which won the State Championship in 1939, was "Chuck's" most exciting experience while in school.

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EVERETT LEONARD SNODGRASS
Everett chooses Horace Heidt's popular orchestra as his favorite. Basketball is the sport he enjoys most as a participant.

SHIRLEY MARGUERITE SPACKMAN
Tri-Y 2, President 3, 4; 8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; Curtain 4; Forum 4; Home Room President 2, Vice-President 3, 4; Cheer Leader 4.
The Little Theater in West High has been enjoyed greatly by "Spacky". Her first experience as a cheer leader was an exciting experience.

PETER JOHN STASSI
Pete, whose hobby is traveling, if given an opportunity, would travel throughout the United States before seeing foreign countries.

GEORGE CHAPMAN STEACY
The biggest thrill of George's high school life was being a member of the first class to graduate from West high.

MAURICE MYERS STIMELING
Hi-Y 3, 4; Junior Engineering 4.
"Morry" enjoys almost any kind of music, but especially that played by either Jimmie Lunceford's or Glenn Miller's swing bands.

ARLENE JEANETTE STORRS
Mono 4; Commercia 4.
The freedom to express one's own thoughts rather than the thoughts of a dictator, is Arlene's conception of Americanism.

SHIRLEY JANE STUTZEL
Mono 4; Tri-Y 2.
Shirley would be very happy if she could take flying lessons and later have a plane of her own.

ESTHER JEANETTE SUMNER
8-5-3, 2, President 3; ABL 3, President 4; French 4; Latin 4, Vice-President 2, President 3; Annual 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.
Americanism to Esther means the right to free speech and religion. She enjoys the "Reader's Digest" and Galworthy's books.

PHILIP JOSEPH SWEENEY
Rab Authors 3; Junior Engineering 3, Treasurer 4; Home Room President 3, Vice-President 3, Secretary 4.
"Bud" will study electrical engineering at the University of Illinois. Later he hopes to obtain a commission in the marine corps.

JOSEPH CHARLES SWINBANK
To enter the United States Navy as an aviator is the goal Joe will aim at after graduation from high school.

IRENE ESTHER TARTAGLIA
Rab Authors 2.
"Renee" has chosen as her philosophy an excerpt from the poem "Tristram", "Do not think about tomorrow; wait until tomorrow calls you."

VICTOR DINA TARTAGLIA
While he was in high school, Victor enjoyed greatly the work which he did while enrolled in the pattern shop.

CLAUDE JAY THOMAS
Jay plans to spend several years at factory work and then to go into civil service work, probably in Washington.

JAMES RUSSELL THOMAS
Home Room President 4.
"Russ" chooses the Central American territory to travel in. While Mexico is his special choice, he is also fascinated by Cuba.

ADALYN THOMPSON
8-5-3, 3, 4; Latin Treasurer 3, 4; ABL President 4.
The first time "Wisty" was called to the office ranks with her first fire drill as her most exciting experiences.

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JANETTE ELIZABETH TIERNEY
8-5-3, 3; Tri-Y President 3, 4; La Forge Glee 2; Glee 3; A Cappella 4; Home Room Secretary 2, Treasurer 3.
Janette, who enjoys the out-of-doors, has as her favorite sports: golf, tennis, swimming, and ice-skating.

ARMOUR HARDING TITUS
Home Room President 2, 4; Treasurer 3.
"Arm" hopes that some day he will be able to live in the Hawaiian Islands, there to indulge in his favorite sport, swimming.

CHARLOTTE FERN TODD
GAA 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Zoo 3.
Since art is the subject that is most enjoyed by "Toddy", she appreciates the art rooms in the new school.

JUNE JEANETTA TOOLEY
Glee Club 2; Music Appreciation 4.
Jeanetta would like to travel to the West coast and Hawaii. Singing in a spring concert proved exciting to her.

LAURA LOUISE TOOLEY
GAA 2, 3, 4.
Besides desiring to travel throughout the western United States, "Suzy" wishes she could own a large, rambling, one-story house there.

MARGARET ELIZABETH TOWNS
8-5-3, 3, 4; Zoo 3; Walter Hampden 3; Curtain 4; Mono 4; Music Appreciation 4; Home Room Secretary 3.
School has taught Margaret to appreciate others. "The March of the Priests" is her preference among musical compositions.

MACLAREN TRUAX
When he travels, Mac would like to visit the North Woods, the home of his favorite character in fiction, Paul Bunyan.

DOLORES ADELINE VALENTINE
Commercia 4; Library 4.
To Dolores, Americanism means liberty to go to school and to live with her family, without having to fear anyone.

ANNA VALORE
Rab Authors 2.
When entertained by the radio, Anna likes best to listen to either the "Lucky Strike Hit Parade" or Glenn Miller's orchestra.

VIVIAN JUANITA VAN BLARICOM
GAA 2, 3, Swimming Captain 4.
If "Blondie" could have anything she wanted, she would choose health and a million dollars. She has enjoyed GAA, particularly swimming.

BETTY HELEN VAN CURA
Commercia 3; Music Appreciation 4; Treble Clef 3; A Cappella 4.
If she were to be given anything in the world that she desired, "Bet" would ask for vocal lessons.

ELAINE ERNA VAN HEARST
To Elaine, Americanism means the opportunity and privilege of freely expressing her views on religion, politics, and every day happenings.

EGIDIO GEORGE VECCHIO
If "G-G" could have anything he wished, he would ask for peace and for freedom to do as his heart desired.

MARY ANGELA VINCE
Commercia 2, 3; Home Economics 4.
To "May", who has enjoyed her government classes, Americanism means living according to all the fundamentals of good citizenship.

LEONARD JAMES VIRGILI
Len, although enjoying the advantages and conveniences of the new auditorium and cafeteria, feels the loss of the old school's hallways.

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ALFONSO JOSEPH VITALE
Home Room President 2.
"Lefty" feels that the most important thing school has done for him has been to teach him in machine shop work.

CORINNE LENORE VOECKS
Tri-Y 2, 3, 4; GAA 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3; Commercia 4; Home Room Secretary 2, 4.
"Connie," influenced by the book "Reaching for the Stars," by Edna Waln, believes freedom of speech important in our democracy.

JON PRATT WAGNER
Rab Authors 2, Vice-President 3; 8-5-3, 2, 4; Commercia 4; Annual 3; Owl 3, 4.
The publication activities have benefited Pratt, a future journalist. He chooses writing as a hobby and English as his favorite subject.

HARRIET HAZEL WALKER
Harriet realizes the fact that, besides giving her an education, school has taught her to get along with people.

DOROTHY ADAIR WANKE
After graduation, "Doddie" plans to attend business college and study stenography, which has been her favorite subject in high school.

LEONA LOIS WARD
Leona believes she has derived much benefit from her stenography class, as it prepared her for her future vocation.

ROBERT LE ROY WATTS
Bob says that although his shop courses have given him the greatest benefit, he has enjoyed his physics class.

CHARLES ROGER WEBER
Home Room Secretary 2, 3, Vice-President 4.
A person who does things for himself is admired by "Curly." While in school he has enjoyed particularly his science classes.

BARBARA WEBSTER
Barb spends much of her spare time at figure skating, for she hopes to become nationally known at this sport.

JOHN FRANCIS WELTE
Desiring to become a skilled machinist, Johnnie finds that school shop courses have trained him well for his life work.

ROBERT WILLIAM WHALE
Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Athletic Council 4.
Bob likes to spend his spare moments in playing his guitar, wood carving, or making use of his photographic materials.

LEATRICE ANN WHITCHER
Tri-Y 2, 3, 4; 8-5-3, 3, 4; Mono 2; French 3, 4; Home Room Vice-President 2, Secretary and Treasurer 4.
"Lee" selects Christmas as her favorite holiday because of the opportunity of seeing friends and relatives who have been away.

CONSTANCE LOUISE WHITE
Orchestra 2, 3, 4; 8-5-3, 2; Latin 2.
Coming into an entirely new school was "Connie's" most exciting experience; she has enjoyed especially being in the first graduating class.

DEDE WHITMORE
GAA 3, Student Assistant 4.
Dede has enjoyed playing on tournament teams in GAA. Her most exciting experience was when she received her student assistant award.

LEONARD ALLEN WICKENS
8-5-3, 2.
After "Wickie" has attended college, he will become an engineer and pursue this profesison in the far western states.

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BETTY JANE WIGGINTON
Bets plans to attend Brown's Business College where she will take up office work. Her hobbies are reading and hiking.

ROGER OLIVER WILLIAMS
Americanism, to Rog, means the ability to choose his own vocation and the opportunity to lead a free life.

POLLY JO WILLIAMSON
Americanism to Polly means patriotism, liberty, and equality. "The Town Meeting of the Air" is her favorite radio program.

HELEN LINDSAY WILSON
French 2, 3; 8-5-3, 2, 3.
Visiting Chicago and attending an opera there was a thrilling experience for "Willie," who plans to teach music in public schools.

WARREN JACK WILSON
If "Red" were to be given anything in the world which he wanted, he would ask for a million dollars.

PATRICIA JANE WING
ABL 4, Secretary 3; Forum 3, Treasurer 2; National Honor 3, Secretary 4; Home Room Secretary 2; ROTC Sponsor 3; Annual 3, 4.
Marching with the ROTC as a sponsor was one of "Pat's" most memorable experiences. She plans to become a social secretary.

ELIZABETH RUTH WITT
GAA 2; Cheerleader 4.
"Boots" enjoyed being one of West's first girl cheerleaders. She has enjoyed the new swimming pool, but misses Rat Alley.

ALICE MARGUERITE WONASE
Commercia 3, 4.
Although her hobby is reading, Alice desires more than anything else in the world the talent to become a writer.

ROLAND WYSONG
In the new high school Rollie has enjoyed most of all the cafeteria and the music through the sound system.

BRUNO PETER YANKUS
Bruno feels that the most important thing that school has done for him has been to teach him a trade.

BENNY DONALD YASTRAB
"R" Club 4.
Benny feels that the most admirable type of person is one who possesses a very high degree of honesty.

HELEN MARIE YOUNG
German 2; Tri-Y 2; GAA 2, 3, 4.
Helen's most exciting experience came when she received her GAA letter and her appointment as student assistant on the same day.

VIRGINIA MARGARET YOUNG
8-5-3, 2, 4; GAA 2, 3, 4; Tri-Y 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Athletic Council 4.
As Virg has derived much benefit and enjoyment from her GAA activities, receiving her letter was her most exciting experience.

PHYLLIS PAULINE YOUNGMAN
In her spare time "Phil" likes to read stories by Hervey Allen, especially one of his recent ones, "Action at Aquila."

PAUL DONALD ZIMMERMAN
Paul feels that school has given him the power to solve his own problems and the ability to care for himself.

CLASS OFFICERS

Jane Cutler Stanbery

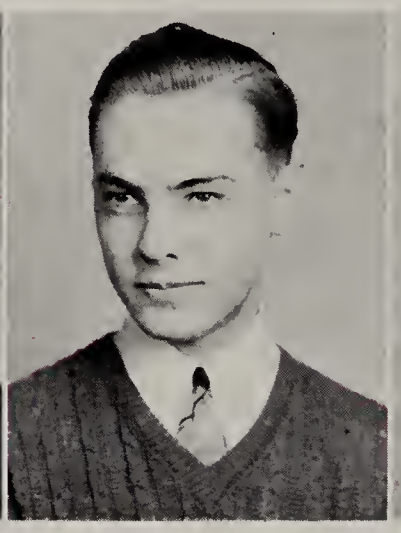
ABL 3, 4; French 2, 3; Home Room President 2, Treasurer 3; Girls' Athletic Council 4; ROTC Sponsor 3; National Honor 3, 4; Class Treasurer 4.

Having enjoyed her clothing classes more than any others, Jane hopes to teach home economics after studying at Iowa State University.

John Burpee Whitehead

8-5-3, 2, 3, 4; Forum 3; Hi-Y 3, 4; Junior Engineering 3, 4; Band 2, 4, President 3; Junior Class President; Senior Class President; Home Room President 2, 4.

Playing in the band has been enjoyable to John. His hobbies are playing in a dance orchestra and collecting swing records.



Wendell Erven Veach

Hi-Y 3, Secretary 4; Junior Engineering Secretary 4; Student Council Treasurer 4; National Honor 3, President 4; Class President 4; Photography President 4.

If given anything he desired, Wendell would choose happiness. He has appreciated the new building's beauty as a whole.

Phillip Francis Alongi

"R" Club 4; Home Room President 2, Treasurer 4; Student Council 3; Class Treasurer 4; National Athletic Scholarship 4.

"Phil's" most exciting experience while in school was giving a minute speech at the senior luncheon. He enjoys Glen Miller's orchestra.

The class of 1941 entered the West high school Tuesday, September 3, 1940. Accustomed to rambling halls, falling plaster, and time-honored traditions flourishing in vine covered halls, the clean, convenient modernism of the building inspired the 41'ers to make the first class to graduate from this school a good example for all succeeding classes to follow.

Soon after programs were arranged, and everyone was in the familiar routine of school life, class officers were elected. John Whitehead took over the duties of president, Robert Gustafson was elected vice-president, James Shelden began writing the minutes of the meetings, and Phillip Alongi, as treasurer, started his task of collecting dues.

Seniors who were graduated in midyear sponsored a 12A banquet in the cafeteria on January 24. Soon after the banquet, the seniors chose their last set of officers, who were to carry on the affairs of a graduating class. They were Wendell Veach, president; Robert Gustafson, vice-president; Sally Carter, secretary; and Jane Stanbery, treasurer.

Miss Pearson held play tryouts in the Little Theater, and after much rehearsing the Senior class presented two performances of the play, "Pride and Prejudice" in the auditorium on May 16 and 17.

The music of Ralph Williams' orchestra, the beauty of the decorations, and the general festive spirit will all combine to make the Senior Prom to be held May 29, in the armory, a memorable event.

Parading around school in caps and gowns will give the senior a pleasant superior feeling toward lower classmen. Baccalaureate wil create solemnity among the seniors, however, because they will realize that they as a class will meet together but once more.

At last the day of days will arrive, and one by one they will file past the speaker and receive their diplomas at Commencement. High school life will be over.

EXCEL SCHOLASTICALLY

Average "B" or More

Roger Mabie Arendsee
Bill Hue Baker
Margaret Louise Bates
Alan Charles Boswell
Ralph Erwin Bratton
Oliver Henry Broquist
Alida Ann Carmichael
Richard Raymond Cross
Robert Louis Day
Lucy Madeline DiRaimondo
William Washburn Early
Addison Burr Foss
Josephine Ann Gulino
Betty Lenore Hafey
*Donald Phillip Haggart
Beverly Elaine Hand
Betty Joy Kelly
James Klein
Russel James Malueg
Grace Louise Meenen
Jennie Joan Michelon
Fredick Coleman Miller
Ardith Elaine Millhouse
*John Joseph Muldowney
Wayne Rupert Otto
Leona Patricia Pace
Joan Elizabeth Perkins
Janet Louise Pfeiffer
Alice Ann Pyznski
Evelyn America Ramsey
Jean Cathren Schalck
Ramona Alma Schmoock
Betty Jean Sears
James Whitney Shelden
Jane Cutler Stanbery
Esther Janette Sumner
Wendell Erwin Veach
John Burpee Whitehead
Patricia Jane Wing
Edward Stanley Zielinski

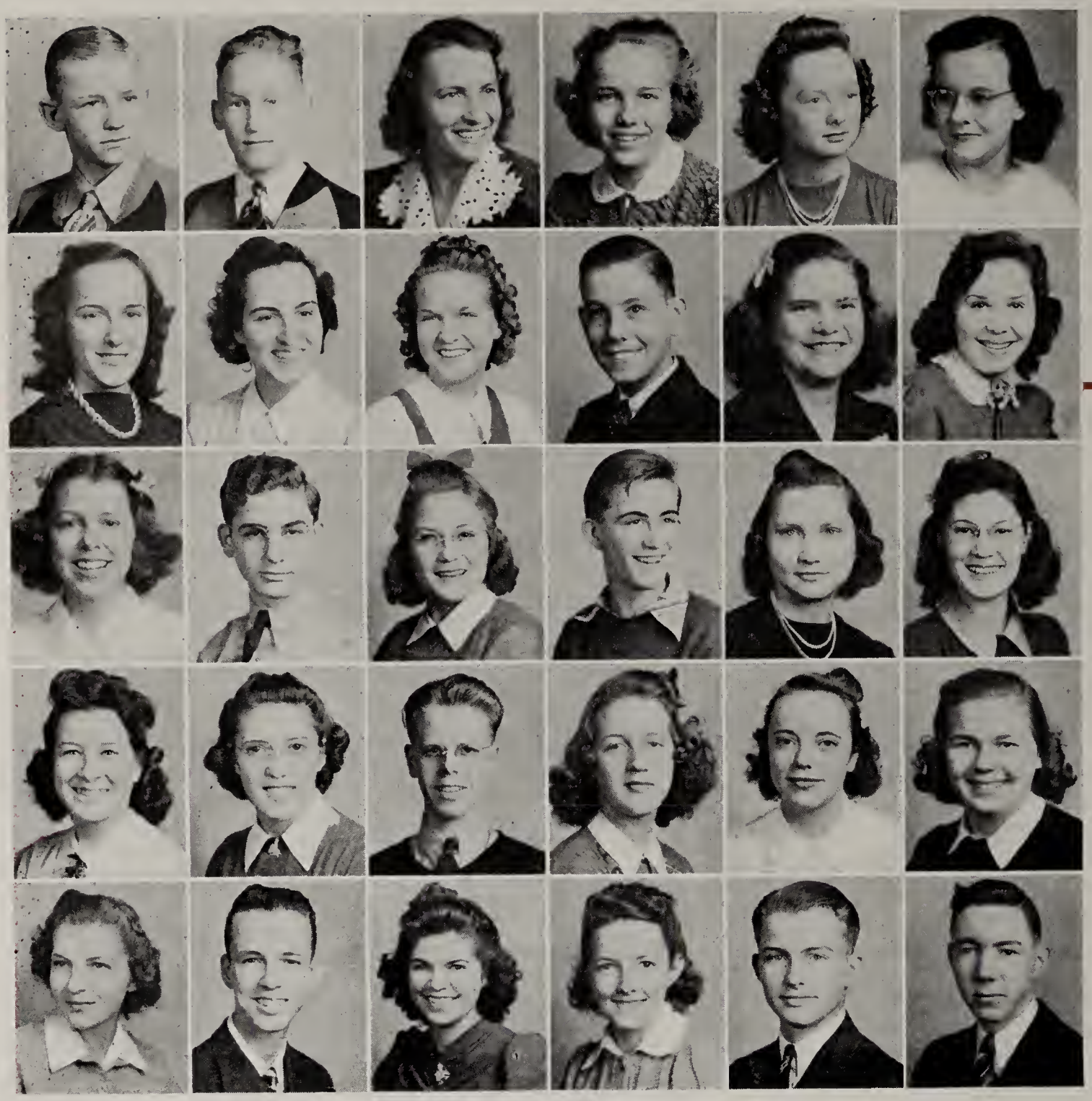
*Donald Haggart completed his work at Pensacola, Fla., but will receive diploma from West Senior High School, Rockford, Ill.

*John Muldowney completed his work during summer and was graduated from Rockford Senior High School, October, 1940.

Among the ten highest girls and ten highest boys in scholarship are (left to right) Ralph Bratton, Margaret Bates, James Klein, Lucy DiRaimondo, Wayne Otto, Henry Broquist, Evelyn Ramsey, Ramona Schmook, Betty Joy Kelly, Grace Meenen, Alan Boswell, William Early, Pat Wing, John Whitehead, Jean Schalck, and Esther Sumner. Betty Joy Kelly and John Whitehead were elected by their classmates to speak at commencement. Mr. Blue and Miss Vincent are shown as the group was being informed as to honor and responsibility.

A direct concern of all students is the choice of subjects to be taken during a semester. Majors, minors, credits, and intellectual profit command the consideration of the students as they prepare their programs for the coming half-year period. Pictured (above) as they receive counsel from Miss Knill, Junior adviser, are (left to right) George Nagus, Mary Odorski, and Bill Nicholas.

Adjudged the most capable by the Junior class for their respective positions, these officers were elected to administer Junior activities for the first year of the new West high school. Pictured (left to right) are Kent Moberg, vice-president; Vernie Lindstrom, presdent; Miss Knill, Junior counselor, under whose direction the officers act; Barbara Ralston, secretary; and Joan Ralston, treasurer.



John Ackerman	Richard Allen	Dorothy Anderson	Evelyn Anderson	Elizabeth Arnold	Jacqueline Arnold
Helen Bailey	Alice Bails	Betty Banes	Carl Barger	Elisabeth Barkey	Miriam Barstow
Margaret Bartling	Russell Bellone	Margaret Benjamin	DeWitt Bennett	Patricia Bertsch	Margaret Beth
Betty Lou Bigalow	Wanda Black	Lesley Blake	Shirley Block	Ethel Boese	June Boettcher
Avis Born	Tracy Borst	Wava Bowton	Bernice Brace	George Bradley	Chad Brooks

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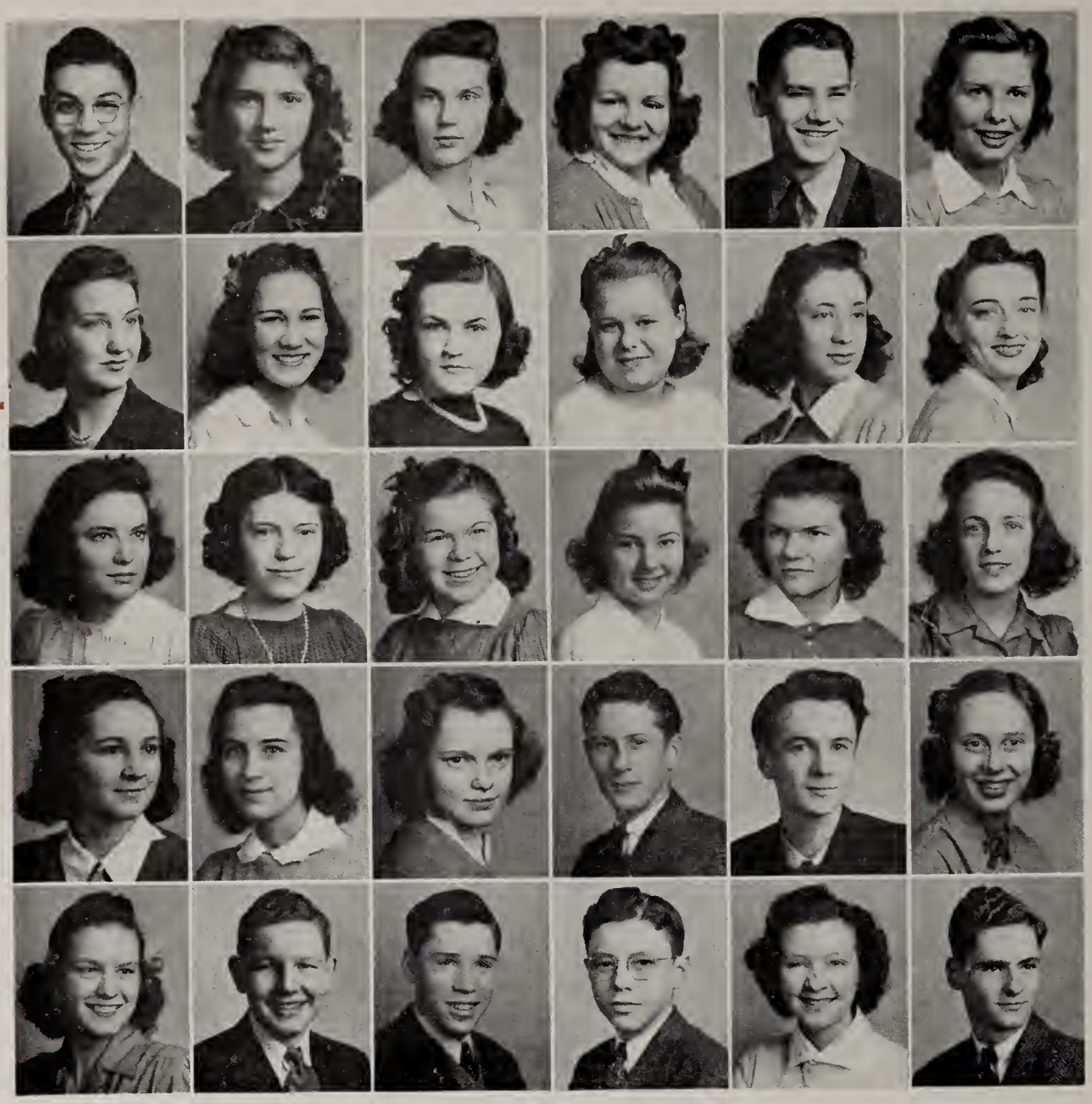
Wendell Brooks	Jack Brophy	June Brown	Dale Bruckner	Robert Bruer	Richard Buchanan
Lorraine Burdick	Virginia Burris	Sara Capace	Frances Carafotias	Joe Cardine	Corrine Carlberg
Willis Carley	Virginia Carlson	Donald Carpenter	Rose Caruana	Josephine Castellese	Carmella Catanese
John Clark	Raymond Conklin	Vivian Conklin	Beth Corbridge	William Cox	Colleen Crandall
Pat Crandall	Ann Cuccia	Catherine Curry	Louise Dal Nogare	Dolores De Grandis	Carl De Mars



Donald Dibler	Marietta Dickson	Marilyn Donaldson	Betty Doyle	Warren Duclon	Joy Ecklund
Maxine Ellis	Eileen Elston	Joyce Erb	Marion Eskelson	Marilyn Faul	Betty Ferguson
Janet Fitzgerald	Phyllis Fors	Patricia Foster	Margery Franklin	Yvonne Franzen	Ann Frisella
Shirley Gardiner	Angelina Gaziano	Marilyn Ghent	Billy Gibler	Forrest Gifford	Dorothy Gilbertson
Mable Gillett	Bill Glenny	Warren Glenny	Eugene Goldy	LaDora Grear	Tom Green

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Jean Gregory	Howard Gronlund	Arlene Gruner	Nick Guarino	Beryl Gustafson	Carl Gustafson
Kathryn Hafey	Charles Halley	Allen Hamer	James Hancock	Vernette Hangartner	Carol Hartley
Ruthann Heath	Dorothy Heins	Dorothy Hibbits	Neal Hildebrand	Marion Hill	Robert Hogg
Norman Hollenbeck	George Holloway	Barbara Holly	Vivian Holmes	William Holt	Ruth Hough
Judy Howard	Mary Howard	Dorothy Howell	Elaine Hummel	Gloria Hutchins	Stanton Hyer

Robert Ingrassia	Jack Inhoff	Betty Jackson	Vernice Jacobson	Robert Jansen	Shirley Johns
Clarabell Johnson	James Johnson	Jerry Lu Johnson	Marjorie Johnson	Phyllis Johnston	Richard Johnston
Lee Jones	Ramona Juhlin	Ray Juhlin	Jo Ann Kasper	Betty Kelley	Gray Kelley
Jane Kelley	Robert Kemmerling	Mary Lou Kerlin	Francis Key	Sylvia Kreuter	Margaret Kriechbaum
Clarence Lace	Mary LaRose	Ruby Larsen	Fred Larson	Dolores Lathom	Josephine Latino

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Roberta Lawrence | Harold Leatherby | Robert Leibforth | Walter Liddle | Carlton Lindberg | Milton Lindquist

Harry Lindroth | Nancy Lindstrom | Vernie Lindstrom | Betty Link | Gordon Logan | Betty Lucas

Marjorie Lundberg | Phyllis Lupo | Eldora Marquette | Jane Marshall | Anthony Marsili | Dawn Marston

Huck Martin | Jean Ann Martin | Melvin Martin | Donald Martinson | Joan McEchran | Richard McGinnis

Donald McMillin | William McMillin | David Meier | Betty Miller | Geraldine Miller | Kent Moberg

Receiving recognition from Miss Currier for her outstanding salesmanship in the matter of class play tickets is Gloria Thorpe. Standing by are Joan Ralston, Richard Shattuck, and Allen Hamer, runners-up.

The stolen instruments were the cause of great confusion in WHAT A LIFE. A sigh of relief possessed the faces of Joe Smith, Richard Shattuck, Jacqueline Arnold, and Dick Thorne when Warren Duclon and Jerry Johnson had recovered them.

A WHAT A LIFE scene shows Barbara Pearson (Marion Swanstrom) coaching Henry Aldrich (Dick Buchanan).

ACTIVITIES

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the juniors decorated their study hall, which is also the school cafeteria. Assisting in the decorating were Virginia Morgan, Joan Root, Vernie Lindstrom, Joan Morton, Kent Moberg, Jim Retsinas, Joan Ralston, and Barbara Ralston.

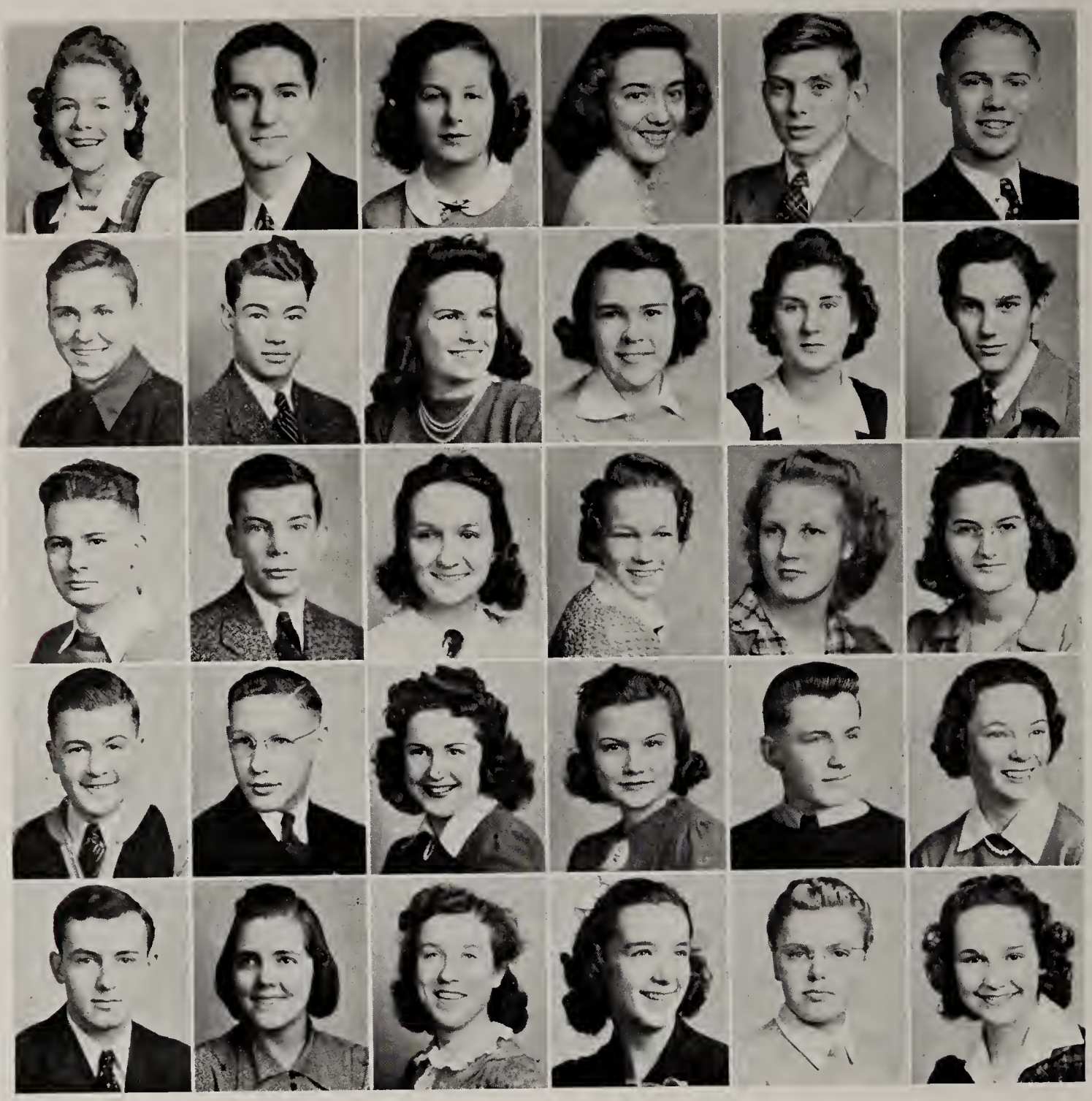
One of the scenes of the Junior class play, WHAT A LIFE, revealed a scolding for disrupting study hall received by George Bigelow (Watson Taylor) and Henry Aldrich (Dick Buchanan) from Mr. Bradley, the principal (Dick Thorne).

A feature of the Junior prom was a grand march. Emerging from under the arms of John Whitehead and Barbara McMarran are Ted MacKechnie and Kay Gripp. Carleton Anderson appears behind John, and Gene Shattuck dances at extreme right.

Stage arrangement duties for WHAT A LIFE went to Warren Glenny, George Keltner, and Arthur Charboneau.

ACTIVITIES

Juniors selected by their teachers as outstanding are (left to right, back row) Schmeling, Taylor, Odorski, Guarino, Shattuck, Rowley, Reno, Garst, Wylie, Retsinas, Wiley, Brooks, St. John, White, Hancock, Ralston, and Trefz. (Seated left to right) Sanders, Swanstrom, Root, Lindstrom, Pedlow, Williams, Gustafson, and Barkey. Miss Knill is pictured center.



Dorothy Moist	Forrest Moore	Virginia Morgan	Jo Ann Morton	Wilford Murray	Robert Nelson
Thomas Nevin	Bill Nicholas	Doris Oakley	Nancy O'Brien	Mary Odorski	Gale Olson
Joseph Olson	Victor Olson	Patricia Owens	Jean Page	Joyce Parks	Marajean Pedlow
John Perry	Robert Peters	Virginia Peters	Irene Peterson	Robert Phillips	Jean Picken
John Picken	Pearl Piercy	Adell Pirages	Joyce Plummer	Bernice Pollard	Virginia Polstra

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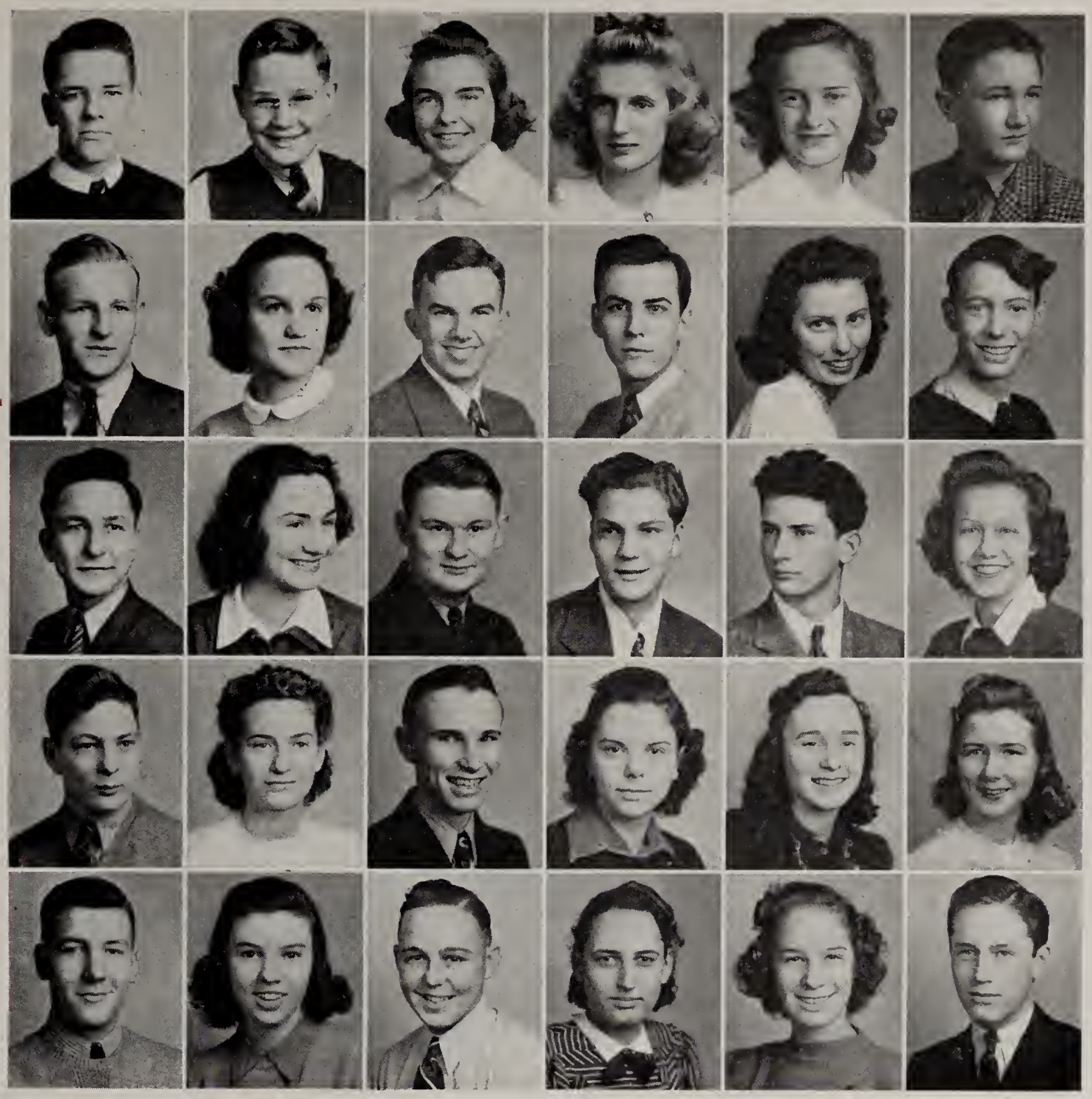

Eugene Pontius	Bill Prothero	Barbara Ralston	Joan Ralston	Kathryn Ramberg	Dick Ramer
Stuart Rasmussen	Marian Reiman	Roger Reno	James Retsinas	Helen Revell	Donald Rickard
Gilbert Rickert	Joan Root	Frank Rowley	Allen Rudolph	George Rumsey	Cheryl Saeger
Jim St. John	Jean St. Pierre	Claude Salisbury	June Sanders	Carol Sarver	Joyce Schmeling
Oscar Schricker	Evelyn Schwanke	Alfred Scott	Dorothy Seirup	Dolores Seiter	Richard Shattuck

Florence Shaver
Phyllis Shenberger
Mary Simril
Warren Skeels
Genevieve Skinner

Edward Skridla
Raymond Slocum
Gordon Smith
Octavia Smith
James Snively
Betty Spafford

Katherine Sparacino
Betty Stanley
Peter Stavros
Clara Lou Stiles
Gordon Stringer
Mary Stutsman

Willard Swanson
Marion Swanstrom
Augustina Tassoni
Betty Taylor
Watson Taylor
Dick Thorne

Dorothy Timborello
Bill Trefz
Josephine Turiciano
Maurice Van Laningham
Lola Varble
Kenneth Vaughn

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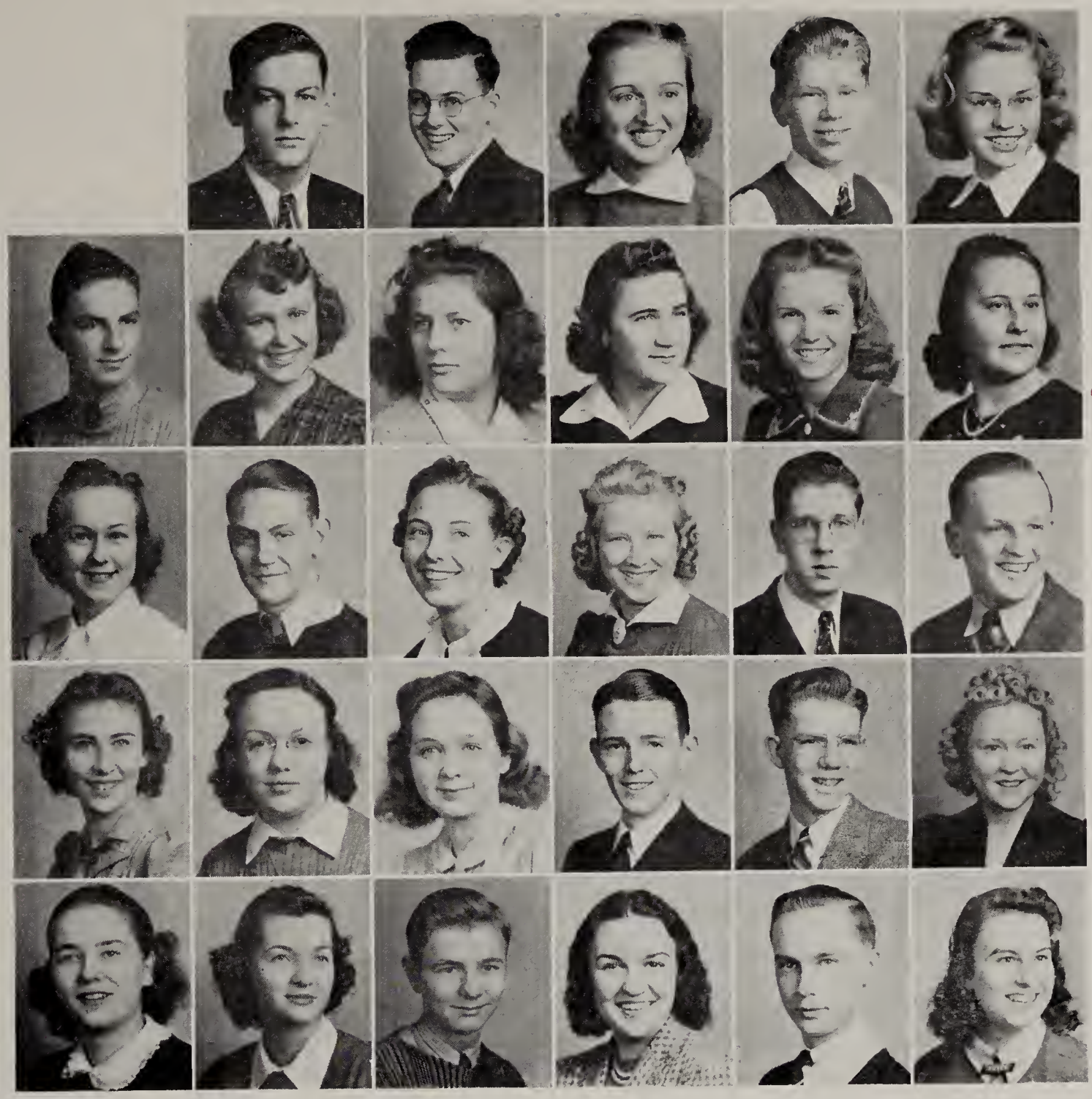

	John Verstynen	Lambert Verstynen	Ruth Wade	Wallace Wade	Genevieve Wallin
Hugh Ward	Arline Wasilis	Irene Wazycky	Virginia Weaver	Bernice Webster	Gertrude Webster
Lois Weeks	Robert Weeks	Phyllis Welch	Ray Jene Westman	Karl Wheat	Kenneth White
Millicent White	Alice Whitehead	Helen Wilcox	Marshall Wiley	Bob Williams	Louise Williams
Nancy Williams	Mary Wolfram	David Wright	Eugenie Wright	Clifford Wylie	Alice Yagle

ORCHIDS AND HEARTS

Dancing describes the activity that commanded most of the energy of the attendants at the Junior prom. "Smiling faces" describes the scene that prevailed throughout the dancing crowd. Appearing to be inquisitive into the conversations between the various dancers are the valentine decorations. Plainly discernible in the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Blue (extreme left in foreground); Richard Shattuck and Connie White (directly behind them); and Robert Hendricks and Roberta Fisher (center, facing the camera).

Suspended hearts appear to be dropping on happy couples in this grand march of the Junior Prom-Valentine party. The dignitaries leading the procession are the Junior officers and their dancing partners. They are (left to right) Joan Ralston, treasurer, and Albert Volsch; Barbara Ralston, secretary, and Gordon Stringer; Virginia Morgan and Vernie Lindstrom, president; Joan Root and Kent Moberg, vice-president. Formals, dress suits, and special partners aid the hearts in presenting the valentine atmosphere.

The order in which entrants in the Junior oratorical contest, held on March 13, were to speak was decided by lot. At left Vernie Lindstrom is about to draw his number from the vase held by Miss Scandroli, who directed the contest. Contestants awaiting their turn are (left to right) Joan Ralston, James Hancock, Roger Garst, Marshall Wiley, Victor Olson, Joyce Schmeling, Marion Swanstrom, and Bill Trefz. The contest was open to all juniors who were interested.

The Junior oratorical contest finals were staged before a Junior assembly. The four finalists (shown at left) were, with their topics, Roger Garst, "Government by Machine;" Marion Swanstrom, "Never Out of Trouble;" Marshall Wiley, "Our Country's Place in the World;" and Victor Olson, "What It Means to Live in a Democracy." Roger, whose talk was judged best by Attorney Francis Hickey, received a gold cup; and Victor's second prize was a book of his own choice.

BEGINNING OF THE END

The problem of selecting an appropriate title for the first West high annual to be published was given to a committee composed of one sophomore, one junior, one senior, Miss Wray, Mr. Lundahl, and representatives of the annual staff. Grace Meenen is shown handing to Mr. Lundahl the name that was considered best. Other committee members, William Nelson (left), Nancy Williams, James Hancock, Miss Wray, Sally Hobart, and Philip Nicolosi (right), look on.

The Senior class presented the play "Pride and Prejudice," based on the novel by Jane Austen, on May 16 and 17. Players of principal parts in the double cast, who are shown looking on while Miss Pearson, the director of the play, shows Jane Stanbery how to curtsy, are (left to right) Robert Braisted, Lucy Abramson, Wendell Veach, James Shelden, Ray Nihan, Esther Sumner, Fay Larrison, Roger Ross, Joan Perkins, Jean Hoffman, and Kay Gripp.

A new course has been offered to Senior boys and girls to assist them in obtaining employment when they are graduated in June. Mr. Kroll, director of the placement bureaus in Rockford high schools and the teacher of the new course, calls it "Senior Problems." It is offered twice each week to those who are interested in it. Shown in the group are Betty Hafey, Barbara Raup, Shirley Stutzel, Leona Ward, Josephine Gulino, and John Breon.

The committee which was chosen by John Whitehead, first-semester Senior class president, to select graduation announcements, is shown in Miss Vincent's office looking at the card chosen. Committee members were (standing, left to right) John Whitehead, Wendell Veach, Betty Joy Kelly, William Schmidt; (seated) Miss Vincent and Jeanne Lowe. In addition to their task of finding a suitable announcement, the committee was in charge of selling cards to graduating seniors before and after school.

The task of final adjustment of each sophomore's program is the responsibility of Miss Etta Brown, sophomore counselor. Her duties include taking charge of the study hall, checking elective cards, assigning students to classes, and helping them to select wisely subjects which will benefit them most. Margie Swift, Harry Richards, and Richard Jones may be seen obtaining her helpful advice.

Befitting their new and spacious quarters, the sophomores decorated their study hall with Christmas greens and trees which provided pleasant surroundings for seven hundred students. Seen discussing plans for decorations are the sophomores who assisted in decorating the hall, Richard Stanton, Betty McDonald, J. T. Garner, Kenneth Crandall, and Henry Nemetz. Miss Brown, adviser, directed the plans.

(Left to right) Murphy, Newell, Mund, Nelson, Mr. Vogt, Mosby, Montville, Nemetz, McDonald, McElheny.

(Left to right, standing) Mr. Weber, Stenzel, Perrett, Pentecoff, Plumb, Booth, Reese, Charles, Pfeiffer, Peplos, Peterson, Quist, Ramsey, Price, Pagel, Phillips; (left to right, seated) Perkins, Pollard, Pickering, Pearsoll, Raney, Pugh.

(Left to right, standing) Kreuter, Lace; Gordon Johnson, Kaufman, Keenan, Jones, Giambruno, Korsky, Grant Johnson; Glenn Johnson, Juhlin, Kellar, Kneiss; (left to right, seated) Miss Ralston, Schuman, Kastenbaum, Klein, Kaplan, Johns, Kindall, Kurtz.

(Left to right, standing) Miceli, McFadden, McCollen, Lyddon, Page, Lindstrom; G. Knight, Messer, Merrick, McNeal, Mason, Kretsinger, Kurtz, Anthony, Kahler, Cummings, MacGaffey, Ladik, Lillie; B. Knight, Andrews, Laaker, Little; (left to right, seated) Laymen, Merritt; Miss Geddes, Mason, Hendricks, Fiorella.

(Left to right, standing) Dickerson, Ghent, Getts, Gallagher, J. Culbertson, Cuppini; D. Culbertson, Cummings, Knodle, Barber, Goetz, Black, Carlson, Bisi, Gleickman, Fry, Gatz, Larson, Grenko; (seated) Miss Duffey, Gedko, Hinuber, Stephen, Floden, Smith.

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When West high school opened its doors last September for

(Left to right) Gagliano, J. T. Garner, Garver, Fillmore, Foht; Mr. Horrall, Gale, Gayle, Janet Garner, Field.

(Left to right, standing) James Brown, Clark, Carlini, Butters, Burkhart, Catalano, Castree, Carlstedt, Burrows, L. Brown, Joyce Brown, Bruette; (left to right, seated) Carafotias, Cain, Hough, Anderson, Bryan, Carey, Cicio, Caldwell.

(Left to right, standing) Bolte; B. Allen, Bailey, Altenburg, Balcitis, Antinuici, Bogdonas, King, Bartoli, Babbitt; R. Allen; (left to right, seated) Anderson, Bartholomee, Bagdon, Arbisi; Miss Alberstett; A. Allen, Aliprandini, Bondio.

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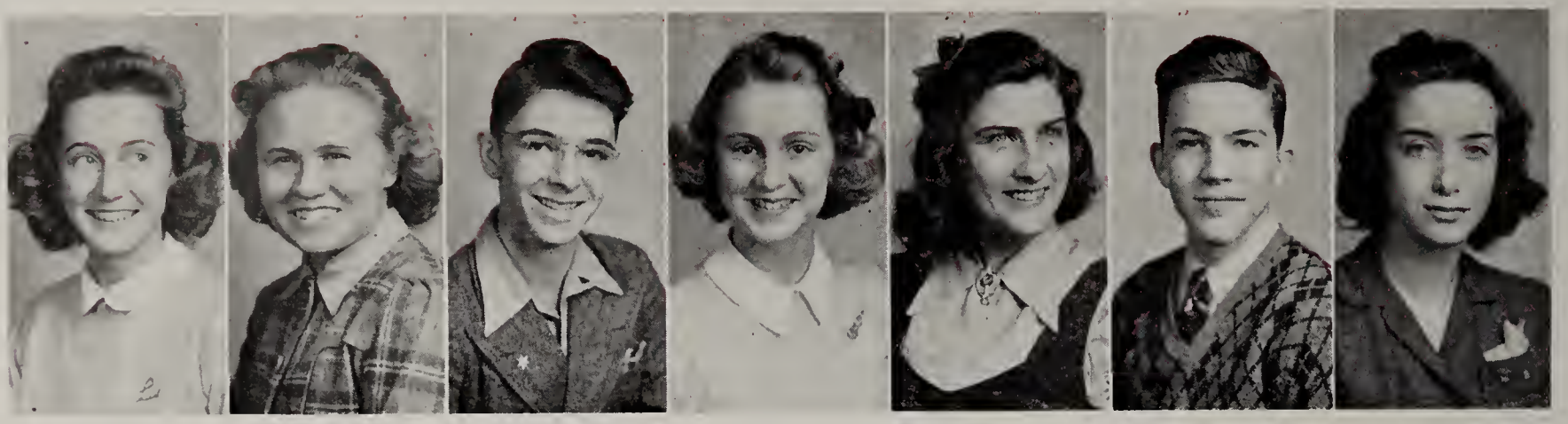
the first time, there were seven hundred Sophomore students enrolled.

(Left to right, standing) Robert DuFoe, Doyle, Estes, Eby, Endres, Doherty, DiMarzio, DiGirolomo, Falconer, O'Hare, Esmond, Elliott, Threw, Falzone, Ekard; (left to right, seated) Dummer; Raymond DuFoe, Eads, Oster, Faith, Dresser, Eggert; Miss Greenlee, Driesbach, Eiler, Eggleston.

(Left to right, standing) Huitzacua, Grady, Hopkins, Himert, Hitt, Haddad, Hammond, Gregory, Huggard, Halsted, Hinchliff, Hogan, Wolf, Hermanson, Harrison, Horner, King, Howell, (left to right, seated) Guzzardo, Gridley, Heisler, Gunther; Miss Kirby, Housekneckt, Henderson, Hendricks.



Julie Barber

Interested in sports, Julie belongs to the GAA and enjoys West's swimming pool and diving board. A high-ranking scholar, she dislikes the long walks from class to class.

Ruth Carlson

A GAA worker and member of the orchestra, Ruth takes delight in the typing rooms, although she selects sports for pastime. She has a motto of "Eat, sleep, and be merry."

Kenneth Crandall

One of the cheer leaders and also president of his home room, "Kenny" was selected for his scholastic abilities. He chooses Abraham Lincoln his favorite character from history.

Helen Durbrow

An Owl staff member, Helen also belongs to the Curtain club. Ranking high in scholarship, she selects the library as her favorite part of the school. Knitting is her hobby.

Editha Jane Dusher

Besides being a straight-A student, "Eddy" has served as secretary to her home room and belonged to Curtain and Latin clubs. She picks canoeing and tennis as her best-liked sports.

Gordon Early

Gordon, a member of the orchestra and ROTC corps, enjoys playing in the orchestra room. As his hobbies he is interested in amateur photography and playing the violin.

Evelyn Ekard

Besides being an active member of GAA, Evelyn belongs to the French club and rates high scholastically. During her spare time she likes to build model airplanes and read.

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Jerry Eklund

A cornetist in the band, Jerry played on the football and basketball teams and accordingly is a member of the "R" club. He enjoys history and Latin, but his hobby is sports.

Jack Faith

A member of the high school band and basketball team, Jack selects swimming as his favorite sport. Jack is an ROTC cadet and considers band his best-liked subject.

Evelyn Foht

Evelyn, a straight-A student, is another of the members of the sophomore GAA. To her the cafeteria is the best feature of the new school. Drawing is her hobby.

Jill Floden

Jill, a GAA member, appreciates the new swimming pool. Ranking high in scholarship, she chooses as her motto, "In order to have friends, be one." Alexander Hamilton is her favorite character.

J. T. Garner

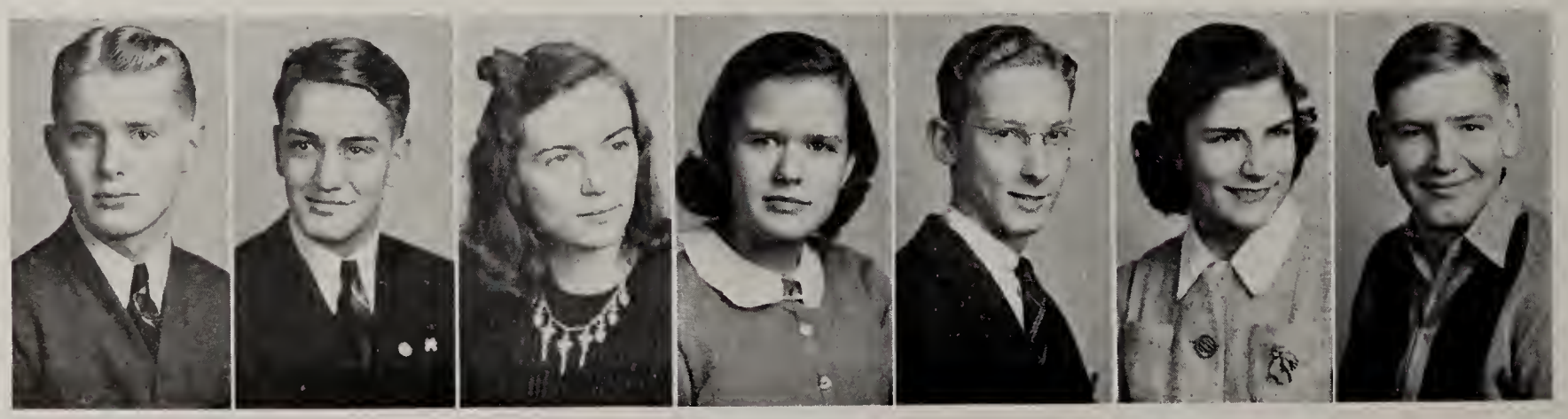
As well as ranking high in scholarship and being a member of the orchestra, J. T. belongs to Forum and Music Appreciation clubs. Mr. Chips is his favorite character from fiction.

Lucy Goetz

Lucy, nominated for scholarship, works for the Owl and is a Student Council representative. Queen Elizabeth is her best-liked historical character, and from fiction she chooses Romeo as her favorite.

Gordon Johnson

"Speedy", enjoying all sports and having played on the football and basketball teams, belongs to the "R" club. President of his home room, he likes to read good books.



Anita Lobdell

An enthusiastic debater, Anita is fond of French, tennis, swimming and bowling. Appreciating classical music best, Anita dances during her spare time. She dislikes shy and conceited boys.

Barbara Lyddon

Home room secretary, Barbara belongs to 8-5-3—and was picked for scholarship. Her motto is "Practice what you preach," while to her the pool is the most enjoyable part of the school.

Jacqueline Major

"Jackie" is interested in debating and is a member of the high school concert orchestra. She considers French her favorite subject and likes to play tennis during her spare hours.

William Messer

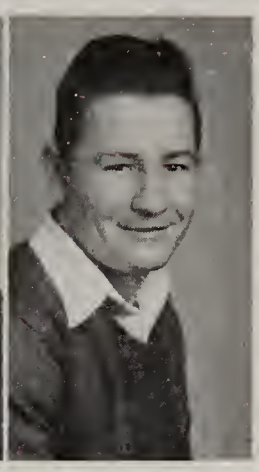
Bill, another of the "R" club members, played on the football team. Admiring the spacious pool, he is interested in music and swimming, and does some wood-carving.

Henry Nemetz

Another orchestra player, Henry is president of his home room. He thinks the library of primary importance to the school. Napoleon rates as his favorite historical character.

Harry Richards

Harry, a member of both the Owl and Annual staffs, belongs to Forum, 8-5-3 and Junior Engineering clubs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is his favorite world-renowned character.



Dan Salvi

Danny, on football, basketball, and track teams, and naturally a member of the "R" club, selects sports as an ideal hobby and pastime. He enjoys his history classes best.

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Juanita Schwartz

Juanita is partial to the cafeteria, where she works each noon. Chosen for her scholastic abilities, she selects history as her best-liked subject. The "Blue Danube" waltz is her favorite.

Margaret Shelden

"Marg", an Owl worker, and a member of 8-5-3, Mono, and Curtain clubs, is a Student Council representative. She considers the front entrance of the building outstanding. Her hobby is swimming.

Shirley Steffa

Selected for scholarship, Shirley belongs to the Mono Klub. While Queen Elizabeth is the person in history she most admires, she chooses David Copperfield as her best-liked fictional character.

Paul Traum

As Paul holds the position of advertising manager for the Owl, he loyally chooses the Publications room as the most important part of the school. He enjoys the works of Richard Halliburton.

Janet Westerman

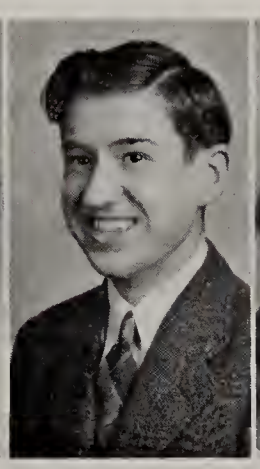
Selecting the library as the most valuable part of the building, Janet is an outstandign scholar and a member of Latin club. As a hobby she enjoys sports of all kinds.

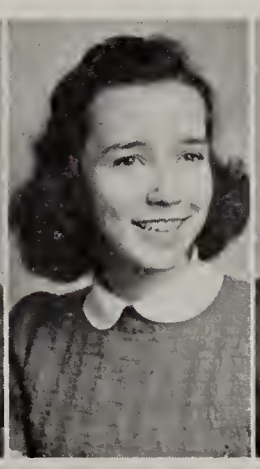
Reg Whitson

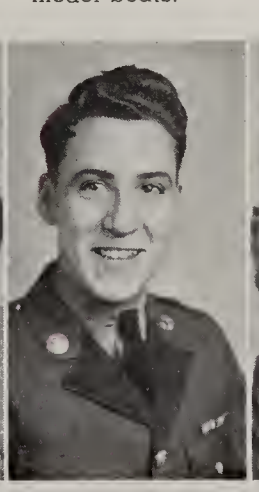
"Reg", a member of the orchestra and an ROTC cadet, belongs to 8-5-3 and Music Appreciation clubs. He enjoys the cafeteria immensely. As a hobby, he builds model boats.

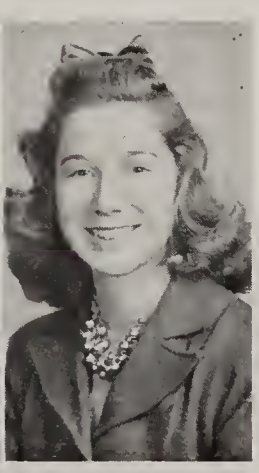
Mary Jane Wood

"He who loves himself has no rivals," is Maryjane's motto. A member of the Owl staff, she belongs to the orchestra, GAA and Tri-Y. The library is also her favorite.









(Left to right) Bruneni, Clift, Brander; Mr. Crull, Claridge, Crawford, Cousley.

(Left to right, standing) Miss Fisher, Eklund, Early, McCarthy, Deppen, Hobbs; (left to right, seated) Hunt, Jacobs, Huff, Hudson, Harmon, Elker, Dirksen.

(Left to right, standing) Maculan, Mayberry, Moderson, J. McDonald, Monks, Molander, I. McDonald, Merrill, Major, Milroy, Marchioni, Mr. Wertsch; (left to right, seated) Mason, M. Martin, B. Martin, Masetti, Miller, R. McDonald, Maggio, Medernack.

(Left to right, standing) Didier, Columb, Dean, Dixon, Snodgrass, Cooper, Coffman, Calvin, Dickerson, DeCori, Collura, Cuppini, Coretz, Coffen, Corey, Miss Campbell, Cleary, Daniels, Davis, Dietz, Cotta; (left to right, seated) Crawford, Conklin, Severson, Crandall, Dey, Deetz.

(Left to right, standing) Schrieber, Taylor, Scone, Shumway, Shellenberger, Schandlemeir, Sites, Shelden, Stone, Thiess, Shirley Steffa, Sherman Steffa, Sartino, Stutzel, Sharp, Scalise, Sawdey, Roderick, Rudolf, Salvi, Tolmie; (left to right, seated) Swann, Sinnett, Rusksauge, Taylor, Smith, Tooley, Shumate, Miss Ollman, Mills, Thomas, Murphy, Sutter.

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Advisers recommended the Sophomore leaders as outstanding in scholarship and

(Left to right, standing) Johnson, Lee, Lonergan, McDonald, D. McCoy; (left to right, seated) B. McCoy, Lobdell, Mr. Trautmann, Frink, Lobedon.

(Left to right, top to bottom) Robertson, Richards, Winchester, Tracy, Yahrmarkt, Ohlson, Wendell, Raasch, Hutchins, Murray, Towns, Robinson, Mr. Fell.

(Left to right, top row) Clark, Tanner, Traum, Valentas, Stanbery; (left to right, middle row) Steenburgh, Swigt, Stone, Sultre, Sponner, Trisch; (left to right, bottom row) Miss Humphreys, Stassi, Stanton, Swanberg, Miller.

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such activities as band, orchestra, publications, debate, ROTC, and athletics.

(Left to right, standing) Rumore, Stultz, Savalla, Russo, Wagner, Volk, Sirton, Schreiner, Salamoni, Smith, Waisner, Schwartz, Rourke, Garshia, Wanke, Reilly, Roe, Ritchie, Reynolds, N. Ross, Richards, Retsinas; (left to right, seated) Rosenberg, Shinn, J. Ross, Reum.

(Left to right, standing) T. Wilson, Wojohn, Wigginnton, Weir, Woodruff, Young, White, Helen Wysong, W. Weida, Webster, R. Weida, Wright, H. Williamson, Youngman, Willoughby, Weber; (left to right, seated) J. Wolter, Zammuto, R. Wolter, S. Wilson, Howard Wysong, Zipse, Williams, Mr. Willson, Westerman, Wood, Welch, Whitson, Williamson, Kiewiez.

Our Pursuits

outside the classroom are many and varied, to satisfy a diversity of tastes and interests. A pupil must be very difficult to please if he cannot find expression for his individual bents and hobbies—be they literary, artistic, forensic, scientific, athletic, musical, mechanical, or otherwise—in at least one of a sore of organizations that comprise the extra-curricular program of West high school.

Functioning under the wing of the different departments and guided by faculty advisers, these clubs offer stimulating programs, usually planned and presented by the pupils themselves. They also provide a large part of the social activity of the school through the informal afternoon and formal evening parties which they sponsor for the enjoyment of the entire student body, as well as through the smaller social gatherings—initiation stunts, picnics, and banquets—within the groups themselves. When people play together, they quickly lose their diffidence and become friends; much good fellowship is fostered and many a lasting friendship is formed in the hearty give-and-take of serving together on committees for vending taffy apples or for pushing the sale of tickets for a dance, a debate, or a concert.

While pleasantly supplementing and enriching class activities and serving the school in various ways, the clubs offer unique opportunities for student leadership and growth in responsibility and a spirit of cooperation and democracy. Moreover, they serve as a unifying and conserving force in the life and spirit of the school. On them West high depends to carry on cherished traditions inherited from old Rockford high and to initiate new ones worthy to be perpetuated by future groups in the new building.

Gary D. Carlson

One seems to enter another world when he steps from the hall outside into the home economics apartment. Designed to give girls practical experience in the arts of home-making, the apartment consists of a home-like living room dining room. Besides its use for training in housekeeping and interior decorating, the apartment has been the scene of several teas.

Serving the majority of the students during the three lunch hours, the bright, cheery cafeteria has three serving lines, two for students and one for the faculty. In addition to the main cafeteria, which is used for nearly all of West's formal and informal dances and banquets as well as for lunches, there is a small dining room for faculty members.

LITERARY APPRECIATION

(Back row) Miss Beatty, Schmook, Sears, Meenen, Mackie, Millhouse, Hand, Kelly, Morgan, Stanbery; (next row) Hafey, Gardner, Gaziano, DiRaimondo, Owens, Shaver, Barkey, Pedlow, Black, Whitehead; (second row) Burris, Coxhead, Sanders, Bails, Hibbits, Holly, White, Wing, Thompson; (front row) Sirton, Peterson, Sumner, Pfeiffer, Hall, Lowe, Johns, Perkins; (standing) Bates

Meeting in Study Hall 102, the first and third Tuesday of each month with Miss Beatty, for the purpose of promoting through instructive meetings an interest in literature and the fine arts, the ABL club has had many interesting programs.

Literature quizzes, a Christmas party, a program on Sigrid Undset's life, and a recording of "Julius Caesar" as given by Orson Welles indicate the variety of the programs.

This year the club helped to prepare the programs for Book Week by putting book jackets on display and securing speakers for book reviews. The ABL cup, which adds each year the name of the Senior girl who is considered most outstanding in scholarship and service, is another of the club's contributions to the school.

Only those students who have completed their first year in high school and have received honor roll grades in their English courses are eligible for membership in ABL. "Admiratrice des Belles Letters," a French phrase meaning "Admirers of Beautiful Literature," is the full name of the club, which, having been founded in 1916, has a twenty-four year history club.

Among those who helped to organize the West high club were Esther Sumner, first semester president; Jane Stanbery, vice-president; Janet Pfeiffer, secretary; and Margaret Bates, treasurer. During the second semester the officers were Adalyn Thompson, president; Barbara Salisbury, vice-president; Catherine Hall, secretary; and Margaret Bates, who was re-elected treasurer.

Other hold-over members were Joan Perkins, Pat Wing, Alida Carmichael, Pat Norton, Pat Armour, Harriette Johns, and Mary Jane Mackey.

PANELS, PLANS, POLICY

(Standing) Lawrence, Miss Carlson, Mr. Miller; (back row) Haesemeyer, D. Johnson, R. Johnson, A. Johnson, Kelley, Brooks, Reno, Hancock, Klein, Monks; (second row) Rumsey, Thompson, Funnell, Armour, Carmichael, McGinnis, Richards, Lobdell; (front row) Wagner, Olson, Spackman, Williams, Nicolosi, Bates, (speaker); Commer

The Forum club, which meets in Room 316 on alternate Tuesdays with Miss Carlson and Mr. Miller as its advisers, has a two-fold purpose: to stimulate interest in the discussion of current problems of all kinds and to train pupils in the correct technique of various types of discussion.

Its first semester officers were James Lawrence, president; Margaret Bates, vice-president; Janice Funnell, secretary; and Roger Reno, treasurer. The club elected James Lawrence to serve as its president during the second semester; the other second semester officers were Margaret Bates, vice-president; Marshall Wiley, secretary; and Roger Reno, treasurer.

The only requirement necessary for admission to the club is recommendation by an English or social science teacher who feels that the prospective member is interested in current problems and shows initiative and ability in discussion.

The Forum club grew out of the Book, or Reading club at Rockford Senior high. Teachers and interested students felt that an opportunity should be provided for students who wished to engage in spontaneous discussion without having to join a debating organization. Among the many discussions held during the year, the most lively, spontaneous participation was elicited in the pre-election discussion of the third term.

This year the organization sent James Klein, Betty Joy Kelly, Donald Johnson, Marjorie Commer, and James Lawrence, to Urbana to represent West high at the Illinois high school conference. Before a group of English teachers, this group presented a model panel or round table discussion dealing with trends among best sellers, past and present.

THE WORLD'S A STAGE

(Fifth row) Hall, Pickering, Commer, Williams, Peters, Taylor, Miss Pearson, Abramson, Shattuck, Ball, Henderson, Schreiber; (fourth row) Donaldson, Williamson, Burris, Breon, Ellis, Cratty; (third row) Marquette, Franklin, Johnson, Anthony, Lyddon, Wazycky, Ingrassia; (second row) Miss Geddes, Nicossi, Mackie, Towns, Schmaling, Durbrow, Reiman; (front row) Shattuck, Bartling, Arnold, Perkins, Betty Kelley, Barbara Kelley; (standing) Schmitz, Buchanan, Seaberg.

Any person who has an interest in dramatics and who has a desire to express himself dramatically may join the Curtain club, which is advised by Miss Pearson and Miss Geddes. Meetings are held in the Little Theater on the first and third Mondays of each month during the school year.

The first semester officers were Gene Shattuck, president; Betty Joy Kelly, vice-president; Joan Perkins, secretary; and Jacqueline Arnold, treasurer. Officers who were elected for the second semester were Gene Shattuck, president; Joyce Plummer, vice-president; Shirley Spackman, secretary; and Marjery Franklin, treasurer.

On October 17, Stanton Hyer and Betty Joy Kelly presented a marionette version of "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp." In November the club conducted a quiz contest, with tickets to the Junior play being awarded to the winners.

This newly formed club is similar to the Walter Hampden club at the old Rockford high school, although there has been a change in membership requirements. Members of the Curtain club are not required to perform in a skit in order to be accepted into the club, as were prospective Walter Hampden members, but they must keep up their points, received by seeing selected movies and serving on committees.

Among the charter members of the Curtain club are Dorothy Anthony, Julie Barber, John Breon, Peggy Bartling, Marjorie Commer, Helen Durbrow, Maxine Ellis, Barbara Holly, Kay Hall, Jean Hoffman, Sally Haggerty, Barbara Lyddon, Victor Olson, Bill Prothero, Marion Quixley, Patricia Schmitz, Mary Jane Seaberg, and William Trefz.

FINDERS OF THE BEST

(Standing) Spackman, Miss Schwartz, Eggleston, Wilson, J. Johnson, Marinelli, Cuccia, Stanley, Picken, Fanara, DeCarlo, Gibler, Plummer, Murray, Kahler, Yahrmarkt, Johns, Tappe, Young, Whitcher, Mrs. Vincent; (seated) McMarran, Murphy, Latino, Brown, Tracy, Himert, Swift, Schwanke, D. Peterson, Molander, J. McDonald, Kastenbaum, Hoffman, Lowe

Any girl willing to live up to the club's purpose and standards is eligible for membership to the Tri-Y club. Like that of the Senior YWCA the purpose of the Tri-Y is to build a fellowship given over to the task of realizing in our common lives the ideals of Christian living, to face life squarely, to find and give the best and also to become acquainted with each other in as democratic a way as possible.

The club emblem is a triangle within a circle: the triangle representing the girl herself, the circle representing the world in which she lives and serves. The three sides of the triangle symbolize the body, mind, and spirit.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Vincent, the Junior-Senior group meets here at school every other Wednesday, with the Sophomore group meeting every second Tuesday. During the year the club holds several dinner meetings in the YWCA gymnasium. Among these have been a pot-luck dinner in which West high girls were host to East's Tri-Y and a mother-daughter dinner.

Every girl who has completed two years of work in Tri-Y and who has average or above average grades is awarded a silver ring with the Tri-Y emblem on it. These rings are awarded in the spring at a ring ceremony.

President of the Junior-Senior Tri-Y is Shirley Spackman. The other officers are Jerry Lu Johnson, vice-president; Harriet Johns, secretary; and Dorothy Hibbits, treasurer. Sophomore officers are Marjorie Murray, president; Mary Jane Tracy, vice-president; Patty Eiler, secretary; and Jean Gridley, treasurer.

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

(Back row) Michelon, F. Stanbery, Nelson, Ingrassia, J. Stanbery, Schmitz, Gibler, Picken, Fisher; (front row) Tomenellie, Anthony, Carter, Bates, Whitcher, Seaberg, Wing

In order to replace "The Circle Francais" of Rockford high, Miss Fisher this year organized the French club. The only requirement for membership is that a person must have been enrolled in a French class for at least one semester. The name of the club is self-explanatory, since it is made up of students who are studying the French language.

The purpose of the club is to give a chance for students of French to get acquainted with other students who know French. When they have their meetings, the members are able to speak French freely, and in this way they may improve their diction and vocabularies. They also learn to converse in a foreign language, and many members take up this practice as a hobby.

Meetings are called to order the second Monday of each month in Room 220. Officers who presided during the first semester were Jane Stanbery, president; Sally Carter, vice-president; Betsy Scone, secretary; Margaret Bates, treasurer: and Lee Whitcher, program chairman. Second semester officers were Leatrice Whitcher, president; James Hancock, vice-president; Genevieve Tomenellie, secretary; and Flora Stanbery, treasurer.

During the year the club had many interesting programs. One of these was a study of the French opera. In another meeting, every member of the club took part in a French play, directed by James Ingrassia.

Besides their regular programs, the club sponsored an afternoon party and ice cream bar sale. The members also planned to sponsor a special assembly.

CONCILIUM LATINUM

(Back row) Reno, Wiley, Stanton, Carpenter, Anderson, Lace, Dusher, Westerman, Crawford, Rumsey, Retsinas; (front row) Knight, Ralston, Conklin, Thompson, Miss Driebusch.

In 1920 the Latin club was organized by Mrs. Julia Shafer Chrystle, Latin instructor at that time in Rockford Senior high. Formerly, it was necessary to have had one year of Latin in order to be qualified for membership. This year the requirements were changed so that it is not necessary to have studied Latin. The club is open to anyone interested.

Meetings are held on alternate Mondays in room 221 under the sponsorship of Miss Driebusch. The purpose of the club is to promote interest in the customs and traditions of the early Romans. The organization has had a varied schedule of programs. One of the most interesting meetings featured the showing of moving pictures about Italy by Richard Johnson, a member of the club, who took the pictures when he visited the country several years ago. At an other meeting the club presented in Latin a play called "Parva Rubra Cuculla" or "Little Red Riding Hood." The parts were taken by Warren Duclon, Rosetta Wolters, Frank Gagliano, and Marjorie Deetz. At the first meeting of the second semester, approximately twenty new members were inducted into the club.

The club's predecessor in Rockford high was the Fasces club, whose name and symbol were changed because of world events. The officers who were elected for the first semester were Barbara Ralston, president; Margaret Bates, vice-president; Barbara Conklin, secretary; and George Knight, treasurer. These same officers were re-elected for the second semester.

UNIR LOS AMERICANOS

(Front row) Leon, Stanley, Root, Wylie, Johnson, Wright, Hogan, Nihan, Miss Fisher; (back row) McMarran, Kirby, Wolfram, Haesemeyer

The Pan-American League, advised by Miss Fisher, is open to all Spanish students and to anyone else who is interested in Pan-American relations. The purpose of the organization is to learn some interesting facts about the other Americas, in order to bring about a better understanding between the countries. Two continents surrounded by a chain of twenty-one links, which represents the twenty-one American nations, is the emblem of the club.

At one meeting a movie on the growth of the banana obtained from the Pan-American Union, was shown. During the club meetings, which are held once a month in either Room 220 or Room 201, the members have been placing special emphasis on the study of the literature and customs of Peru.

The league, together with the 8-5-3 club, sponsored Roberto de la Rosa, a Mexican college graduate who is acting good-will ambassador to this part of the country, in a program of Mexican music. Assisting Mr. de la Rosa with the program were his brother and five sisters.

Officers who were elected for the first semester were Clifford Wylie, president; Roy Johnson, vice-president; Joan Root, secretary; and Milton Lindquist, treasurer. Those elected for the second semester were Joan Root, president; Eugenie Wright, vice-president; David Meier, secretary, and Roy Johnson, treasurer.

Early in 1941 Miss Fisher was appointed by the international director of the Pan-American Union to serve as state director of the high school leagues. Her duties will include the formation of new leagues throughout the state and the direction of the state conference.

ON TO ARTISTIC SKILL

(Left to right) Glenny, Castronovo, Conklin, Schmidt, Sirton, Pohl, Williamson, Rote, Lawrence, Miss Dentler

The Art club was newly organized this year by Miss Dentler with the assistance of William Schmidt, Lilyan Castronovo, Betty Sirton, Romona Rote, and Lucille Pohl, who worked with her to round up the members.

To be eligible for membership in the club, which is the successor to the Daubers club at the old Rockford high, one must be sincerely interested in art and have a desire to further his knowledge of all the arts.

Meetings, at which works of art are discussed, are held every other week either at the Burpee art gallery or in Room 320. During the art gallery meetings the students can better acquaint themselves with the accomplishments of trained artists and study them carefully.

The officers elected to help Miss Dentler during the first semester were William Schmidt, president; Romona Rote, vice-president; and Lilyan Castronovo, secretary-treasurer. Since the club is new this year, the work of the officers lay chiefly in organization problems. Because of their fine work, the club has steadily progressed. Club officers for the second semester were Betty Sirton, president; Warren Glenny, vice-president; and Jean Ann Conklin, secretary-treasurer.

In spite of work in organizing, the club had a very successful Christmas party, the first of their major activities. Besides the gallery tours, which always prove interesting and educational, the club has had hobby programs and other programs in which some time was spent on each of the arts: in commercial art, designing, interior decorating, crafts, and the fine arts.

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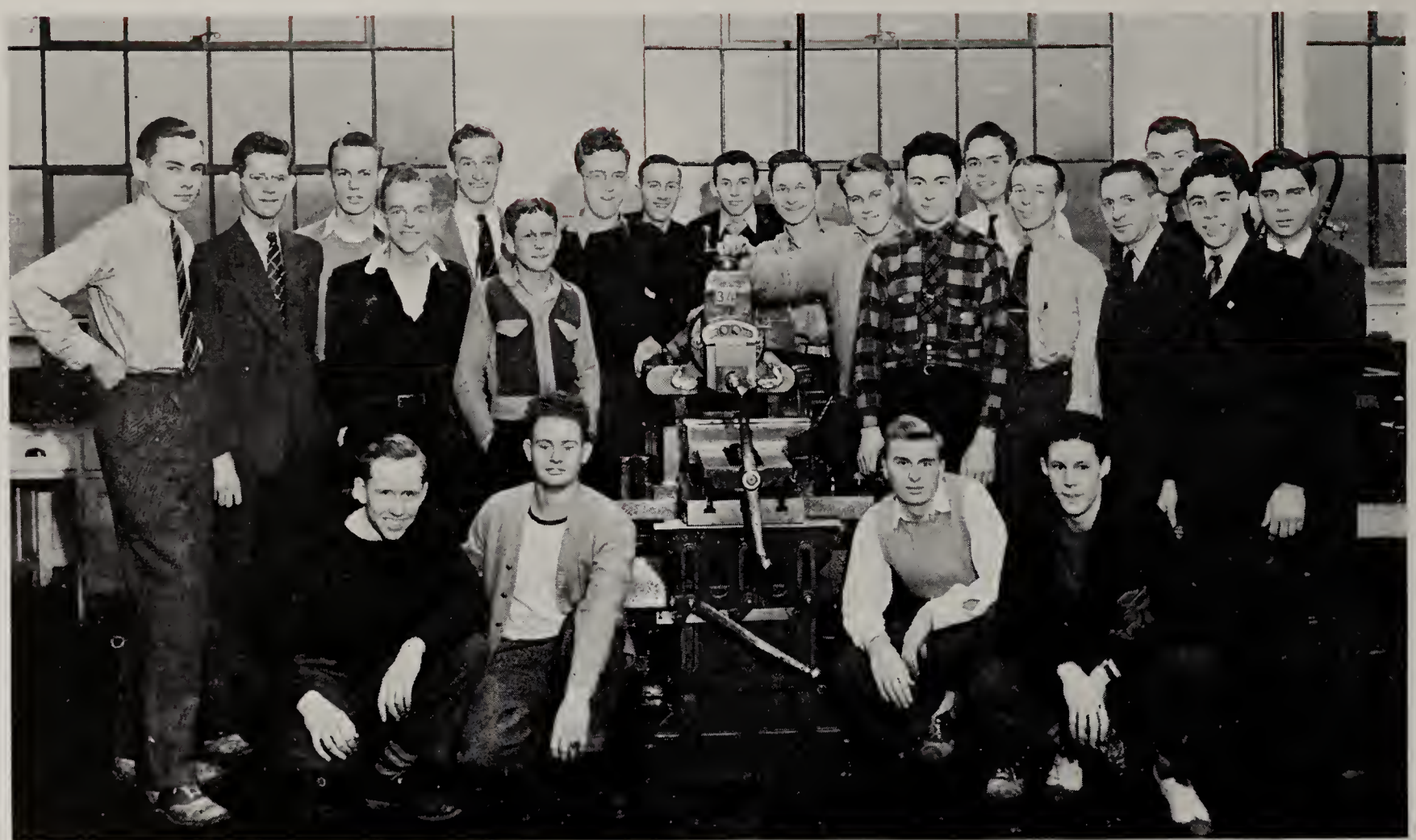


(Standing) Veach, Norton, Whitehead, Anderson, Zielinski, Nivinski, Jones, Sweeney, Martin, Rickert, Johnson, Kuhlmeir, Black, Ellsworth, Mr. Maitland, Brace, Guarino, Langholf; (front row) Boswell, Olson, Rosecrance, Bailey

High standards are required of students who belong to the Junior Engineering Society, since, besides being enrolled in the industrial or science department or a class in higher mathematics, the members of this club must be recommended by their faculty adviser and three of their instructors.

To help students develop a clearer understanding of engineering as a vocation and to bring together the students interested in engineering are the purposes of this club. Mr. Maitland, adviser of the club, is especially interested in promoting close fellowship among the members. To symbolize the basic principles of engineering; namely, safety, stability, and economy, the organization has as its emblem a gold triangle.

The first and third Thursday of each month during the school year are the club's meeting days. Once every month the members are the guests at the meetings of the American Society of Tool Engineers held in the Hotel Faust. During one of these meetings, the Junior engineers saw an interesting exhibit of models of ships in the navy and also exhibits which concerned threading and boring.

In the course of the school year field trips are taken through factories of all types in Rockford for the purpose of acquainting the club members with the different branches of engineering.

The club officers elected for the year were Gaillard Ellsworth, president; Warren Black, vice-president; Wendell Veach, secretary; and Philip Sweeney, treasurer.

TAKE THIS LETTER

(First row) Ramberg, O'Brien, Monks, Bosi, Hafey, Kreuter, Ancona, Storrs, Voecks, Johnson, Owens; (second row) Sarver, Miss Kirby, Hall, Kisting, Fellows, Johnson, Weaver, Corbridge, Marinelli, Longenecker, Fanara, Pirages; (back row) Goomas, R. Johnson, Sisti

Every other Monday night, in Room 201, the members of the Commercia club meet with Miss Irene Kirby, their adviser and instructor. Only the pupils enrolled in one or more commercial classes are admitted, for the purpose of this organization is to further interest in shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, and retail selling. This club, a continuation of the Commercia club in Rockford Senior high school, also aims to bring the students in the commercial department together for friendly and helpful meetings.

The name "Commercia" is derived from the word commercial. Every letter in the name of the club stands for a quality which each club member should possess: character, orderliness, manner, memory, reliability, cooperation, initiative, and accuracy.

The club opened the first meeting of the second semester by holding the initiation of the new members in the Little Theater. In addition to the activities of its regular meetings, the members of the club were kept busy by helping to arrange for their afternoon dance and a taffy apple sale. "Be Yourself, Dora," a short play presented by the members of the club, and a demonstration by the Monroe Calculator Company were considered as the club's most interesting programs.

The officers for the first semester were Bette Kreuter, president; Betty Hafey, vice-president; Thomas Ancona, secretary; Bud Ollman, treasurer; and Jon Wagner, program chairman.

Betty Hafey, president; Bette Kreuter, vice-president Cleo Hall, secretary; Josephine Gulino, treasurer; and Pat Owens, program chairman, constituted the officers for the second semester.

CLUBS HAVE FOOD,

These five Forum club members, under Miss Carlson's direction, represented West high at the English section of the University of Illinois high school conference. Traveling to Urbana on November 1, the students presented a panel discussion on the topic: "Is popular taste in reading improving or deteriorating, as revealed by the best sellers list from 1900 to present?" Those who took part were (left to right) James Klein, Joy Kelly, Donald Johnson, Marjorie Commer, and James Lawrence.

In order to strengthen the good feelings between United States and Mexico, the Mexican government has sent a number of good-will ambassadors to the United States. One of these, Roberta de la Rosa, spoke here under the sponsorship of the 8-5-3 and Pan-American clubs. Miss Fisher is shown greeting Mr. de la Rosa (right) and his brothers and sisters, who were accompanying him on his tour before returning to their home in Mexico City.

Among the most popular social activities here at West are the afternoon dances. As they are very informal those who attend go to have a good time. Many of these dances are sponsored by clubs to raise money. The student council sponsored the first of these parties, all of which are held in the cafeteria. Harriette Ryan, Kenneth Fraley, Jay Hart, and Mary Howard are shown talking with Quin Bowen, whose orchestra furnished the music.

At the beginning of the second semester, the Tri-Y club held a tea for the new members in the teachers' dining room. In this picture Mrs. Bailey Colvin, an adviser for the Junior-Senior group, is shown pouring. Gathered about her are (left to right) Jerry Lu Johnson, Harriet Johns, Dorothy Hibbits, Jean Hoffman, Marion Quixley, Roberta Schmaling, Barbara McMarran, Mrs. Vincent, Miss Putnam, and Miss Mary Schwartz, who is younger girls' secretary of the YWCA.

FUN, FELLOWSHIP

On November 5, the 8-5-3 club sponsored a mock presidential election in which the student body named its choices for president, vice-president, and various state and local officers. During the home room period ballots were distributed. After the students had marked them they were tabulated by club members. In the picture Beth Corbridge (left), Marajean Pedlow, and Sue Shellenberger are shown receiving ballots from Kenneth White, Jack Powell, James Hancock, Marilyn Juhlin, and Joe Olson.

The first hot dog sale in Rockford high school history was sponsored by the Social Arts club on December 11. The girls in the foods classes cooked four hundred and twenty hot dogs for the event and toasted an equal number of buns, using all nine of the ovens in the cooking room. The girls also served chili sauce which they made themselves. Three girls shown serving hot dogs are Jean Carlson, La-Vonne Bolte, and Janet Garnes.

At the 8-5-3 club's annual Christmas party, the admission charge was either canned food or ten cents to be contributed to a Christmas basket to be sent to a family of seven children. Enough was collected to fill two baskets. Refreshments, dancing and ping-pong were the entertainment. Shown receiving the food are Flora Stanbery, Joyce Erb, Joe Olson, Ramona Schmook, basket chairman; George Rumsey, Barbara Holly, Kenneth Fraley, Marilyn Donaldson, Jack Powell, Marjory Deetz, and Dick McGinnis.

Last October, new members were initiated into the ABL at a picnic in Sinnissippi Park. Besides having the club initials drawn on their faces, the candidates prepared the dinner and cleaned up after the picnic. As the final part of their initiation, the new members planned and presented an entire program at the next meeting. Among the group at the right are Barbara Salisbury, Elisabeth Barkey, Joan Perkins, Dorothy Stenick, Jeanne Lowe, and Jane Stanbery.

POISE AND PERSONALITY

(Standing) Miss Holmin, Meli, Gardiner, Vogen, Gatz, Larsen, Ghent; (middle row) Bolte, Schmook, McGuire, Bails, Olson; (front row) Garner, Ritchie, McDonald, Nelson

Miss Holmin is the adviser of the Social Arts club, which meets every Monday afternoon in the home economics apartment. The first semester officers of the club were LaVonne Bolte, president; Pat Carey, vice-president; Mary Meli, secretary; and Janet Garner, treasurer. Since the club was organized near the end of the first semester, these same officers served during the second semester.

In order to be a member of the club, a girl must be enrolled in a home economics course. The purpose of the club is to give the members experience in various social contacts. The club in attempting to develop poise in social behavior, gives each girl a chance to develop her ingenuity and her organizing ability in party planning and managing.

The most interesting program was staged for the benefit of the entire school, and took the form of the school's first hot dog sale. During their cooking classes the girls in the club cooked hot dogs and toasted buns. The after-school sale was highly successful, as many as five hot dogs and toasted buns having been sold to a customer.

This club, newly organized this year, has many charter members. Among these are Alice Bails, Mary Lou Bezedik, LaVonne Bolte, Dorothy Bosi, Luella Brown, Jean Carlson, Beth Carr, Pat Carey, Catherine Currie, Shirley Gardiner, Janet Garner, Mary Ellen Ghent, Lorraine Gatz, Jean Hough, Ruby Larsen, Evelyn McDonald, Betty McGuire, Geraldine Nelson, Helen Ritchie, Betty Geneva Olson, Arleen Gruner, and Mary Meli.

THREE GROUPS, ONE AIM

(First row) Miss Whiting, Miss Ollman, Powell, Whitehead, Wing, Ward, Jackson, McDonald; (second row) Pedlow, Klein, McCarthy, Anthony, Whitcher, Kreuter, Plummer, Stutsman, Schmeling; (third row) Early, Holly, Schmook, Sears, Burris, Cain, Purvin, Shattuck; (fourth row) Buchanan, Erickson, Owens, Ramberg, Norton, Kreuter, Hafey, Salisbury, Bruneni, Roe, Demakeas

To further interest in social science and the application of its principles is the purpose of the 8-5-3 club, which meets in the Little Theater on the first and third Thursday of each month, with Miss Edith Whiting and Miss Maxine Ollman as its advisers.

The club, which was organized in 1932 by faculty and student members of the Rockford Senior high social science department, derives its name from the words of the history, economics, and civics classes which start with the eighth, fifth, and third letters of the alphabet.

Instead of having a program every meeting, this organization has been divided into three groups that work along special lines and make reports to the whole club. History, economics, and civics are the topics of discussion in these special sections, which are headed by chairmen Esther Sumner, Jon Wagner, and Jane Stanbery, respectively. Among the many interesting programs which have been presented to the club as a whole, have been several speakers on related subjects, a style show, musical programs, and a Christmas party.

In November, the 8-5-3 sponsored a school-wide mock presidential election, distributing ballots in the home rooms and later tabulating the votes. They sponsored also two afternoon parties and an evening semi-formal during the school year.

Officers for the first semester were Jack Powell, president; Janet Pfeiffer, secretary; and Bette Kreuter, treasurer. For the second semester they were John Whitehead, president; Jack Powell, vice-president; Pat Wing, secretary; and Hugh Ward, treasurer.

MAINTAIN AND EXTEND

(Standing) Bailey, Veach, Nelson, Rosecrance, Boswell, Foss, Kuhlmeier; (kneeling) Mr. Nufer, Klein, Olson, Bendes, Bennett, Powell

With Mr. Nufer as its adviser the West Hi-Y club requires that a prospective member have completed at least one semester of high school and have been approved by his study hall counselor and three of his instructors. After his application has been approved by an examining board, he is ready to be inducted, in a ceremony which Mr. Nufer believes to be the most interesting of the year.

The four planks of the platform on which this club is founded are clean speech, clean scholarship, clean athletics, and clean living.

The West Hi-Y is one chapter of a nation-wide organization whose purpose is to "create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community" high standards of Christian living.

Once each semester the club holds a fellowship meeting in which the facilities of the gymnasium and swimming pool are opened to the members. Other features of the club's year are the annual banquet and the picnic at the end of the year.

The Hi-Y emblem is highly symbolic. The name itself is an abbreviation for High School Y M C A. The pin's red border stands for a world-wide movement toward a Christian relationship among men, while the white cross on a blue field is symbolic of their leader, Jesus Christ.

First semester officers were Wendell Veach, president; William Nelson, vice-president; Albert Bendes, secretary; and Alan Boswell, treasurer. Those who led this club during the second semester were William Nelson, president; Richard McGinnis, vice-president; Albert Bendes, secretary; and Alan Boswell, treasurer.

MANY MOODS AND SONGS

(Back row) Hyer, Purvin, Gifford, DiPuma; (second row) Whale, Thomas, McCallen, Nicolosi, Ruskavage; (first row) Ellsworth, Monohan, Brown, Coffaro, Allaben; (Quartet) Erickson, Niman, Kerns, Shattuck

Boys that appreciate and enjoy singing good music assemble every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, sixth period in the choral room for sessions of the Boys Glee club. The club's purposes are that its members be instructed in choral learning through the best choral literature, that they participate in public performances and that they take part in presenting various school musical programs.

Discovering that boys enjoyed singing male choral music, Miss Florence Ely, instructor, founded the Boys Glee club in 1921. The West high club is a continuation of the male glee club of the Senior high school. This year the chorus has been singing under the directorship of Miss Hilda Humphreys.

In addition to their presentation of the spring operetta, "The Chimes of Normandy," which was adjudged by Miss Humphreys as the glee club's most interesting and most important piece of work, the boys took part in the Christmas assembly, the spring concert, and a musical program sponsored for the parents and friends of the members. On various occasions the school witnesses their work in assembly programs. For many of their performances, the boys work in conjunction with the Girls Glee club. An afternoon dance sponsored by the two clubs was a popular occasion which all the students were invited to attend.

The club's first semester officers were Gene Shattuck, president; Stanton Hyer, vice-president; Norman Niman, secretary; Lowell Branning, treasurer. The second semester leaders have been Robert Whale, president; Philip Nicolosi, vice-president; Richard Buchanan, secretary-treasurer; and William Ruskavage, librarian.

DEALERS IN SWEET NOTES

(Top row) Hall, Lawrence, Arnold, Dettman, Link, Carafotias, Caltagerone, Sautel, Cary; (third row) Johnson, Countryman, King, Picken, Glenny, Wolf, Cannella, Cotta, Carey; (second row) Franklin, Retsinas, Wolter, Lee, Gale, Revell, Yagle, Bigalow, Smith; (first row) Sarver, Peters, Kaplan, Eminger, Commer; F. Carafotias, DalNogare, Timborello, Larson; (standing) Gustafson

The Girls Glee club was organized at Rockford Senior high in 1915 by Mrs. Edward Pierce, music instructor, for the purpose of learning good choral literature, participating in public performances, and presenting an operetta. In order to become a member, an applicant must be able to sing in pitch, read music, and have a pleasing voice.

The club practices the sixth hour on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Choral room. For the first semester, the officers elected were Beryl Gustafson, president; Jean Picken, vice-president; Barbara Lee, secretary; Janice Wolter, treasurer; and Frances Carafotias, librarian. The second semester officers were Beryl Gustafson, president; Rae Gale, vice-president; Margary Franklin, secretary; Nitza Retsinas, treasurer; and Suzanne Kwass, librarian.

Among the many programs presented by the Girls Glee club in cooperation with the Boys Glee was an afternoon concert for the parents and friends of the members. The club in conjunction with all the other music groups of the school, also participated in the Christmas concert which was held in the auditorium and in the spring concert at the armory. In the operetta, the members also do a great deal of work in helping as extras or even in taking the leading roles. On all occasions they are accompanied by Stanton Hyer, organist.

Under the leadership of Miss Humphreys, the club has helped a great deal in the school life by participating in a number of assemblies. Among the outstanding members of the club are Beryl Gustafson, Janice Wolter, Marjorie Commer, and Lillian Sautel.

FOR ALL MUSIC LOVERS

(Fourth row) Whitson, Eby, Garner, Stutsman, Block, Abrahamson, Andrews, McKinney; (third row) Kirkham, Wilson, Stanbery, Wolter, Williamson, Deetz, Retsinas, Lee, Keltner; (second row) Carmichael, Willoughby, Franklin, Fry, Gallagher, Pearsall, Spooner, Mincemoyer; (first row) Miss Humphreys, Hyer, Rogers, Niman, Castronovo, Van Cura, Patterson

Mrs. Upton Bartlett, pianist; Mrs. Elmer Xanten, vocalist

Anyone who enjoys good music is welcome to join the Music Appreciation club, for which Miss Humphreys serves as the adviser. This organization, a continuation of the Music Appreciation club at Rockford high, seeks to encourage the understanding and enjoyment of good music and also offers an opportunity for club members to hear music of the local artists in concerts.

The officers elected for the first semester were Norman Niman, president; Janice Wolter, vice-president; Betty Rogers, secretary-treasurer; and Stanton Hyer, program chairman. Those presiding as officers for the second semester were George Keltner, president; Nancy Williams, vice-president; Lucy Abrahamson, secretary; Marion Quixley, treasurer; and Stanton Hyer, program chairman.

Club meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month, in the choral room. The club's programs consist of musical presentations at each of their meetings by vocalists and instrumentalists who live in and around Rockford. The club members derive much pleasure from these different personalities, and express great appreciation for the fine artistry they represent. These meetings give students good training in correct concert behavior, and encourage them to attend concerts that are held by the various musical organizations of the city.

Among the local artists who have taken part in the programs are Mrs. Elmer Xanten, soprano soloist; Beverly Bennett, a harpist; and Lucille Mathre, a pianist. Another very interesting program was one in which the members of the Honorary Musical Society of West high demonstrated to the club members the use of their various instruments.

WEARERS OF THE "R"

(Third row) Swords, Eklund, Gronlund, Picken, La Forge, Arendsee, Tooley, Vascellaro, D'Angelo, Snively; (second row) Clift, Cassioppi, Choppi, Rosecrance, Nelson, Bendes, Zielinski, Messer, Harkness; (first row) Briddick, Giambruno, Yastrab, Gedko, Reilly, Logan, Pizzuto, Loomer, Rickert; (standing) Mr. Beyer

The "R" club, which its members feel is one of the most beneficial clubs in the school, was organized in 1927 by Mr. Lundahl, Mr. Beyer, Mr. James Laude, and Mr. Clarence Muhl, all of whom were coaches then at Rockford high.

The Rockford "R" club was the first of its kind in the conference. Under the guidance of Mr. Lundahl, the club flourished, and when other schools saw the benefits that could be derived from such an organization, they asked for copies of the club's constitution. In this way a "letter" club was formed in each of the other conference schools.

Having as its two fold purpose the fostering of athletic enthusiasm and the upholding of the traditions of good sportsmanship, the "R" club admits any boy who has received a letter in any field of interscholastic sports, either varsity or sophomore. The club's name stands, of course, for the black letter award, which, together with a red sweater, also serves as the organization's emblem.

This year the club has had two advisers, Mr. Beyer and Mr. Willson. When the club was reorganized at West this year, Joe Buscemi was elected president; Robert Gustafson, vice-president; Ray Nihan, secretary; and Jim Shelden, treasurer. The second semester officers were Joe Buscemi, president; Robert Gustafson, vice-president; Ray Nihan, secretary; and Jim Shelden, treasurer.

WEST'S GUARD OF HONOR

(Third row) Carter, Brown, Girardin, Rasmussen, Miceli, Hunt, Otto, Mitchell; (second row) Mackey, Shelden, Ingrassia, W. Gustafson, Forbes, Johnson, R. Gustafson, Nihan, Crosby; (first row) Tarquini, Moberg, DiMarzio, Joslyn, Olson, Guarino, Alongi, Gustafson; (standing) Buscemi

A little publicized yet important duty of the club members is to help their fellow athletes. If any boy fails in a subject, becomes ineligible for the team, or has some other difficulty, members help and encourage him.

Between their monthly meetings, held in a room near the gym or in the gym itself, the members serve the school by ushering at athletic events and other school and civic programs and by inspiring the rest of the students to maintain the standards of sportsmanship.

Although membership in the "R" club is in itself an honor, the highest award for an athlete is election to the National Athletic Scholarship Society. Members to this organization are elected at the end of each semester. In May, 1940, the six "R" club members who received this honor were tennis team members, Richard Berg, Don Carter, Eugene Guirl, and Kent Moberg; trackster Merrill Butler; and Gerald Bowman of the golf squad. Other members last year were Phillip Alongi, Robert Gustafson, Wayne Otto, Victor Pizzuto, Jim Shelden, and Ralph Williford, football; William Joslyn and Willard Mackey, swimming; and Robert Rosecrance, golf.

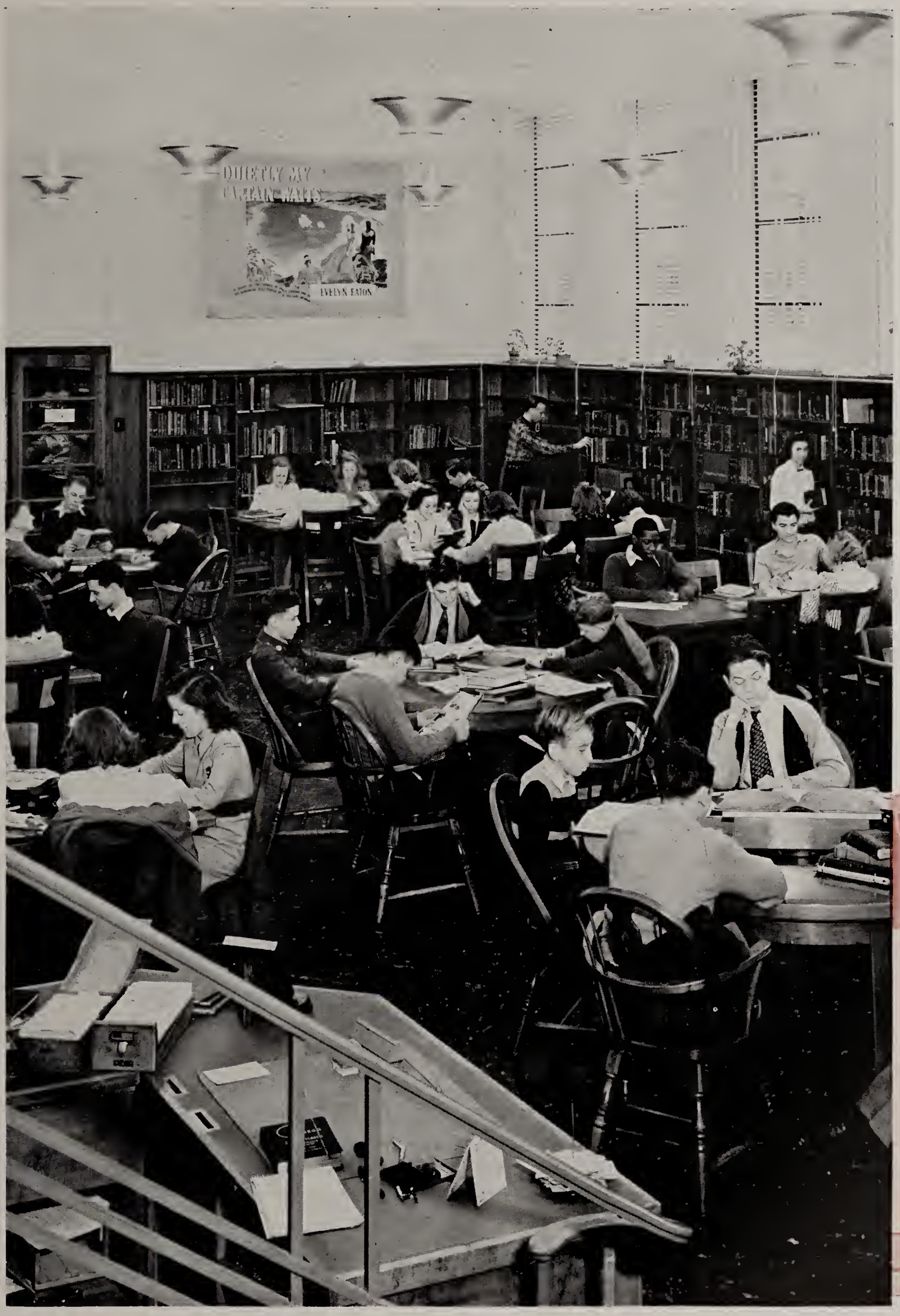
Elected at the end of the first semester this year were Rogert Arendsee, Joe Buscemi, Joe Choppie, Dale Harkness, Edward La Forge, Gordon Logan, Charles Watson, and Edward Zielinski; all of whom played on West's heavyweight football team.

OUR PUBLIC,

understands that many, many of the things our school does, though very much worthwhile, are yet not of a nature to display themselves interestingly and attract general notice; but quite humanly and naturally, that same public also has a desire for some tangible and visible presentations of its school's achievements. Fortunately, we can offer, also, some more evident manifestations of our varied activities which that public of ours seems to enjoy hearing about and seeing. Among these is the Orchestra with its fine concerts and its generosity in playing for school plays and other events both in school and town; the Band not only gives concerts, but adds thrill and zest to football and basketball games and parades; the Choruses, with their vocal skill, help entertain in many different small public groups as well as with their annual Operetta. Among our chapters of National Societies, the National High School Honor Society, with its emphasis on "Scholarship, Character, Leadership, and Service," elicits much interest, climaxed in its Installation Assemblies; the Honorary Music Society gives opportunity for display of individual music ability; the Quill and Scroll gives prominence to special and individual achievement in Publications work; the National Athletic Scholarship group acclaims good athletes who are also good scholars. The various phases of sport: football, basketball, swimming, track, golf, and tennis, arouse vivid public interest as evidenced by generous newspaper notices and great numbers of spectators watching their events. The Student Council's work, for the most part, goes on quietly and steadily within the school, but it reaches public interest and attention in its Christmas Charity Offering. The Publications not only attract our own public's attention but advertise us in other towns. Theirs is the recording weekly of our current history and crystallizing each year's history into a book to be consulted and laughed over for years to come, when the students, too, have become part of "OUR PUBLIC."

Hazel G. Putnam

The West high auditorium has one of the largest and best-equipped stages in the city. With its excellent facilities for lighting, dressing rooms, and stage props, it provides a professional atmosphere for all student productions. Among the "Aud's" many other advantages are a ticket booth, a projection room, and adequate space in front of the stage for an orchestra.



That the students have appreciated West's library has been evidenced by the fact that it has been used by twice as many students during the year as was the library at Rockford Senior high. Besides its light, airy beauty, the library has the advantages of adequate shelf space and three smaller rooms for reserve books, periodicals, and a work room.

WARBLERS WITH WORDS

(Back row) Willoughby, Daltz, Benham, Ring, G. Shattuck, Rickleff, McGinnis, Bartholomee, Driesbach, Quixley, Rogers; (third row) Bates, Stutzman, Harman, Niman, Knight, R. Shattuck, Rasmussen, Carter, Milroy, J. Fry, Howell; (second row) Abramson, Sautel, Hortley, Lintz, Kreichnaum, Galiano, VanCura, Harper, Johnson, Lucas; (first row) Lindquist, Lawrence, Perkins, Hibbits, Bowton, Miss Humphreys, Smith, Richards, Morgan, Benjamin, N. Gallagher

The outstanding choral group of West high school is the A Cappella choir, directed by Miss Hilda Humphreys. To become a member of this organization, which meets first hour every morning in the choral room, it is necessary to have a pleasing voice, true pitch, and the ability to read music. Willingness to cooperate and work as a unit for the furtherance of musical growth is also considered a requisite for every applicant.

Throughout the past year the group has contributed in many ways to the enjoyment of others. Programs have been presented often before church groups and social gatherings, as well as before the student body in the various assemblies. The choir sang on the weekly Musical Hour over WROK on December 18, while on December 19 and 20, they participated in the annual Christmas concerts presented by the high school musical organizations. The chorus also took part in the dedication and vesper services held early in October. The organization's annual concert was held on January 15 and the money thus earned was used to help buy additional robes for the choir.

Officers of the group, who served throughout both semesters, were Gaylord Ring, president; Joan Perkins, vice-president; Margaret Lindquist, secretary; Marion Quixley, treasurer; and Norman Niman, librarian. Other outstanding members were Norma Johnson, Lucy Abramson, Stuart Rasmussen, and Wilbur Cleveland. The club's emblem, a scroll of music inscribed with the choir's initials, and with a "W" guard, typifies the group's purpose—to sing the finest unaccompanied choral literature.

COUNCIL FOR COUNSEL

(Standing) Mr. Lundahl; (front row) Goetz, Veach, Caldwell, Logan, Perkins, Shelden; (second row) Jones, Rudolph, Miller, Ryan, Gillet, Burtch, DeCori; (third row) Glasson, Ancona, Bolte, Caldwell, Lowe, DiMarzio, Nicolosi, Gustafson; (fourth row) Frey, Monks, Hinchcliff, Hafey, Heath, Gardiner, D. Peterson, Carmichael; (fifth row) Williamson, Trefz, Bartling, Arnold, Jackson, Schalck, Kreuter, MacGaffey, McCarty

Being elected Student Council representative by the members of the home room is the only requirement necessary for membership in this organization. Its name is self-explanatory, as the council is a group of students organized to help solve problems concerning the whole school.

The council meets in the Little Theater every other Friday morning during the home room period. Though the meetings are strictly for business, the club has given an afternoon party and sponsored West high's first homecoming parade. Every year the members arrange for distribution of Christmas baskets by the home rooms. Miss Hazel Putnam has been the sponsor of this work for the last several years. Since Christmas vacation began too early this year for the collection of food, money for the Good Fellows was collected by the student chairman, Harriette Ryan, from the students in the home rooms, and presented to Mr. Paul Wollstadt, Goodwill editor of the Rockford newspapers.

Special work in the council is done by committees, such as the athletic board of control, organization board, buildings and grounds committee, and the safety board.

Mr. Lundahl, adviser of the organization, states that since the student council is made up of leaders it is hard to say who has contributed most to the organization. Some members have been particularly outstanding, especially the officers, who during the year, were Barbara Caldwell, president; Gordon Logan, vice-president; Joan Perkins, secretary; and Wendell Veach, treasurer. The adviser named as helpful in the organizations activities Jim Miller, Margaret Shelden, Jacqueline Arnold, Bill Trefz, Alida Carmichael, and Vernie Lindstrom.

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RESOLVED, PRO AND CON

(Left to right) Cross, Rosensweig, Reno, Swanstrom, Shelden, Miss Scandroli, Wiley, Nicolasi, Garst, Johnson.

Speaking on the timely subject chosen by debate coaches, "Resolved; The powers of the Federal government should be increased," the West debate team brought to a climax their first season when the affirmative speakers, Arthur Johnson and Leon Rosensweig, defeated the East Rockford negatives in a debate held in the West high auditorium on February 6 before an audience of eight hundred students. In a return debate held at East high Richard Cross and Roger Reno, negatives, were defeated by the East affirmatives.

The first teams, together with the second teams, consisting of affirmatives Roger Garst and Marshall Wiley, and negatives Philip Nicolosi and Marion Swanstrom, participated in more than fifty debates, according to their coach, Miss Lena Scandroli. Members took part in tournaments held at East high of Rockford; Edgerton high school, Wisconsin; East high of Aurora; and Beloit high school, Wisconsin; as well as the Big Eight conference at West high of Aurora, where the squad tied for fourth place. In a meet at Mendota high school, the West team copped third place, and at the Hammond invitational tournament, Hammond high school, Indiana, the experienced group took sixth place, while the inexperienced team received a first.

Other outstanding events on the debate calendar were the tournaments at Elgin and the University high school of Madison, Wisconsin. In the latter contest the West teams received 393 from a possible 400 points. Leon Rosensweig tied for first place in the original oratory division of the Elgin meet.

PROMTERS OF ORDER

(Left to right) Miss Sheetz, Branning, Longenecker, Gerulis, Forbes, Harper, Rodwell, Roland, Mr. Haight

Students in high school need daily reminders, particularly as regards orderliness in the halls. The monitors, stationed at various posts throughout the building, are glad to do the reminding. Besides keeping order in the halls, the wearers of the familiar red arm band with the black letter "M" are ready to answer a stranger's question about the location of a room or to be of service in any way possible.

The Mono Klub was founded in Rockford high in order to give the monitors a chance to become better acquainted with one another and to provide them with instructive meetings. All monitors, whose grades must average "C" or over, are eligible for membership.

The club meets in Room 102 every other Tuesday with Mr. Haight, director of monitors and adviser of the club, and Miss Sheetz, who acts as social adviser. In addition to the program, at these meetings, members are assigned to their special duties. One of the club's most interesting programs was a talk by Mr. Thomas Boustead, of the Rockford police force, on the duties of the plain clothes man. An important activity of the group has been the sale of red and black pencils, on which is printed "West Hi."

The officers of the Mono Klub for the first semester were Irene Longenecker, president; Beverly Bowers, vice-president; and Helen Roland, secretary-treasurer. Officers as elected for the second semester were William Early, president; Ray Karber, vice-president; and Barbara Holly, secretary-treasurer.

MUSICAL INSPIRATION

(Back row, standing, left to right) Mr. Elmquist, Kasper; (third row, left to right) Titus, Hunt, Perrett, Bowers, Bartholomu, Glenny, Keltner; (second row, left to right) Bruneni, Bailey, Faith, Miller, Carley, Mason; (front row, left to right) Whitehead, Klein, McCarthy, Harmonson, Snively, Skeels.

Mr. Elmquist, director of the West high band, leads the boys daily in room 307, to the rhythmic tones of marches and the melodic tunes of the best of music published for bands. Each of its members must show capable musicianship and proper solo ability.

There is seldom a dull moment for the members of this organization. In the fall of the year they play for the football games and give programs between games, making use of special formations and lighting effects. During the basketball games, they seek to cheer or calm the fans by playing appropriate music. All in all, they make an average of forty appearances a year, including parades and community programs. In the eyes of Mr. Elmquist, the annual spring concert given by the entire music department is the most interesting of these.

Among the band social activities are an annual semi-formal dance for the whole school and a banquet for past and present members. During the summer, the boys and their fathers spend a week-end at a camp on Lake Ripley.

AT CONCERT OR GAME

(Back row, standling, left to right) Jacobs, Holloway, Borst; (third row, standing, left to right) Keltner, Stringer, Carpenter, Perkins, Lillie, Andrews, Swans, Raasch, Bietau; (second row, left to right) Mason, Meleng, Raasch, Kuhlmeier, Ryan, Hendricks, Bergstrom, Eklund; (front row, left to right) Martinson, Smith, Roe, Fillmore, Brophy, Peters.

Mr. Haight, director emeritus, organized the first high school band in the United States at Rockford high in 1907, and since then he has been one of the most valuable contributors to the band's success. The band is also grateful to the Band Dads association, which raised nearly $2,000 for additional uniforms this year.

The band emblem includes an "R", symbolizing service to Rockford high, and a horn and trumpet which symbolize the fact that that service is through music.

This year's officers for the organization were John Whitehead, president; Jack McCarthy, vice-president; Jerry Harmonson, secretary; Jack Brophy, treasurer; and George Keltner, manager, who served during the first semester. John Whitehead, president; Burnie Bailey, vice-president; Jerry Eklund, secretary; and Armour Titus, treasurer, were the second semester officers.

ANDANTE FORTISSIMO

(Back row) Betty Joy Kelly, Kasper, Jansen, Kelley, Weller; (fourth row) Early, Corbridge, Capace, Shaver, Falconer, Eby, Johnson, Major, Caldwell, Logan; (third row) Stenick, Millhousen, Fellows, Coretz, Sanders, Garner, Haddad, Knight, White; (second row) Williams, Armour, Stiles, Williams; (front row) Nelson, Meyer, Wood, Smith.

Many students pass Room 307 each day and wonder at the activity which is taking place inside. To be admitted to this room and be received into the concert orchestra, one must be able to play an instrument well, be sincerely interested in music and willing to work.

Aiming to give each player an appreciation of the best in musical literature, Mr. Bornor, the director, chooses symphonic music as the basis for the orchestra's selections. Besides joining the band and choruses in the annual spring concert, the orchestra plays for assemblies, the operetta, class plays, and many other school and civic events. Each year some of the outstanding players participate in the All-State orchestra which meets and plays during the Illinois high school conference at Urbana.

Another of the organization's purposes is to show the members that social good times can be had through music. Besides sponsoring two afternoon parties and a semi-formal dance, the orchestra holds an annual party which gives past and present members a chance to get together.

SYMPHONY TO SONATA

(Back row) Mr. Bornor, Whitson, Carlson, Russo, Bryan, Schmeling; (fourth row) Clark, Castree, Morig, Carmichael, Abramson, F. D'Agostin, Spooner, Thorne, Betty Jeanne Kelley, Jones, Gulino, Kilsberg, Difede; (third row) Hart, Duclon, Shumway, O. D'Agostin, Bradley, Young, Sowles, Houseknecht, Nemetz; (second row) Nelson, Wolter, Ramberg, Black, J. Caldwell; (front row) Lee, Hendricks, Brightup, Carlson.

Because of the division of the schools, the two orchestras meet once a month and hold a combined party which consists of a two-hour practice session followed by a social hour.

During the first semester this year Betty Joy Kelly was orchestra president; Gordon Logan, vice-president; Barbara Caldwell, secretary; Bob Williams, treasurer; and Nancy Williams and Russell Bradley, librarians. The second semester officers were Constance White, president; Carlyle Morig, vice-president; Nancy Williams, secretary; Robert Nelson, treasurer; and George Bradley and Dick Thorne, librarians.

Besides these elected officers, players are chosen on the basis of ability to head the orchestra's twelve sections. This year's leaders were Bob Nelson, violin; Betty Joy Kelly, bass; Mary Jane Wood, flute; Nancy Williams, cello; Kathryn Ramberg, viola; Connie White, oboe; June Sanders, bassoon; Russell Bradley, clarinet; Gordon Logan, horns; Florence D'Agostin, trumpet; Dick Thorne, trombone; and Maurice Carlson, drums.

West's Fourth Estate

From the publication writers, let us turn to the less heard of but most essential workers of the Owl and Annual — the business and circulation members of the staff, Richard Shattuck, business manager; Frank Rowley, circulation manager; and Ruth Schrieber, the bookkeeper. News of other schools comes through the exchanges of school newspapers. Seated at the desk folding Owls to be sent to other schools is Betty Stanley. Checking the assignment bulletins are Vernie Lindstrom and Evelyn Schwanke, reporters.

(Below) Marajean Pedlow, feature story writer and the inquiring reporter for the Owl, types a few of her ideas while Alida Carmichael, Owl editor, edits a story. Benny Bennett (center), sports editor of the Owl, checks one of his stories.

(At right) Tracy Borst, who wrote the band stories, hands in an assignment for the approval of Chad Brooks (right), associate editor, who is typing one of the assignment sheets for the next issue of the Owl.

(Left to right) Louis Giambruno, an accountant, checks his books while reporter Jon Wagner types a story. In the meantime, Margaret Bates, author of Who's Who Hoots and feature writer, checks the files. Lucy Goetz types as Willard Mackey, first semester editor, and Helen Durbrow study previous issues of the Owl. Another bookkeeper, Thomas Ancona, looks over the bills.

(Bottom) The Owl circulation manager, Harry Richards (left), has charge of supervising the folding of the Owls every Thursday afternoon. Every Friday morning he checks to see that each subscriber receives an Owl. Paul Traum (center), advertising manager, and Alan Boswell, are the advertising solicitors for the Owl and Annual. They spend a great deal of time soliciting and writing the advertisements for the publications, sending a paper to each advertiser, and making out statements.

Scrap Book Builders

(Left, reading from left to right) William Nelson, who assumed the sole management of the sports section of the Annual, is shown checking the layouts for swimming section with Ray Nihan. James Hancock, in charge of the military section, is planning a picture balance as Betty Lou Bigalow puts the finishing touches on clerical work.

Four busy students are seen (below) working on the preparation of different sections of the first West High Annual. Marion Quixley (right), one of the writers working on the activities section, checks pictures for and prepares a layout of some of the pages of the yearbook.

Dorothy Gilmore (left) is typing the dummy for the Annual while Patricia Wing, who has just written up a senior questionnaire, is handing her efforts to Richard Conklin, student assistant, for approval.

In the upper picture, Esther Sumner (left), who had charge of Senior pictures, is shown checking the files to determine how many pictures have been taken. Department section writer Angelina Gaziano (second from left) is consulting La Dora Grear, another worker on the department write-ups, about a picture. In the meantime, Barbara Caldwell (right), who directed the identification of club pictures, is shown looking through a file drawer for an identification.

The faculty section of the yearbook attempts to acquaint students with their teachers. Virginia Carlson (seated lower left) took charge of the faculty pictures giving teachers appointments for their pictures. Robert Crouse (standing), typist, shows Nick Guarino, Junior section editor, who is checking picture appointments, a dummy for his approval. Grace Meenen, Senior section editor, is also checking picture appointments. Mary Jane Seaburg writes up a club picture as Patricia Schmitz checks the faculty write-ups.

STAFFS AND SCHOOL

Every year the publications staff members of the schools of Northern Illinois Conference gather for a press conference. The scene of the first Big Eight Press conference on October 12, 1940, was the West high school auditorium. Round table discussions were some of the major features of the program. Seen handing programs to visitors is Nick Guarino. Jon Wagner, who is taking care of registration, looks on as Frank Rowley of West and Leona Youngquist of East high register.

Seen in the picture at left are those who sat at the speakers' table during the fourteenth annual Northern Illinois press conference luncheon, held in the school's cafeteria; from left to right, are Dr. Laurence Campbell, director of the Illinois State High School Press Association; Richard Conklin, toastmaster; Burdette Anderson, who was chairman of the first press meeting in the conference in 1928; Miss Obye, publications adviser, and Mr. Paul Nelson, editor and publisher of "Scholastic Editor."

The last May queen to sit on the throne at Central high was Barbara Hale. Her maids of honor were Margaret Murphy, Barbara Lund, 1939's queen, and Elizabeth Wing. In the first row are Arleen Ramberg, Joan Eggers, Carol Chandler, attendants; Joan Mulnix, Frances Johnson, former queens; Georganna Carmichael, trumpeter; Barbara Hulten, Marilyn Muth, and Frances Shugart, attendants.

Proof that the members of the publication staffs not only work but also have a good time is the annual publications picnic held at Sinnissippi Park on May 28. All worry was banished from the minds of the workers, for the Annual had been distributed and the last issue of the Owl was on the way to the printer. Among the group at the table are seen Joyce Plummer, Ruth Carlson, Miss Obye, and Alida Carmichael.

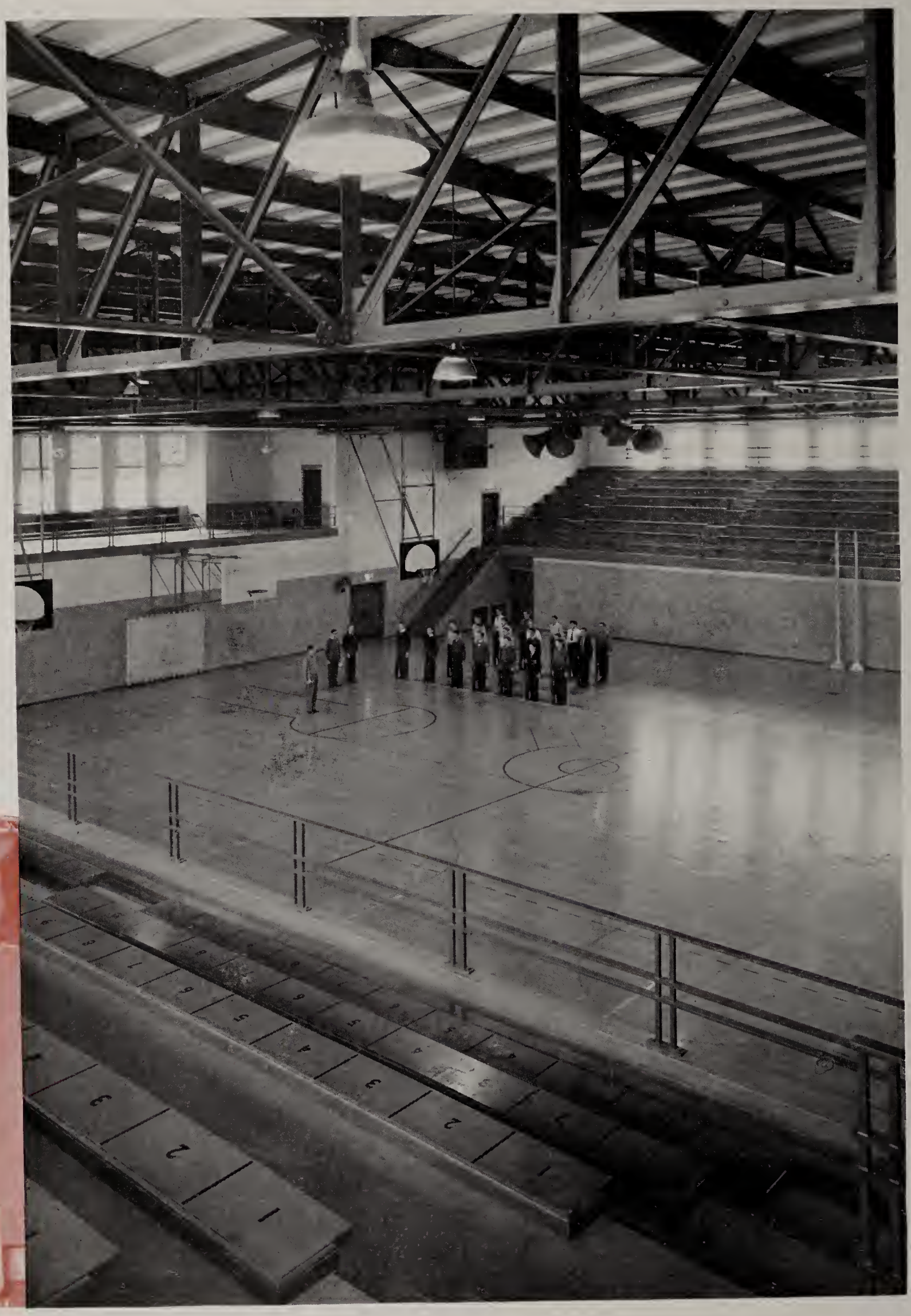
AS HOSTS, GUESTS

After the big annual battle between the Owl and Annual workers on a baseball diamond came the more pleasant and welcome interruption at the 1940 Publications annual picnic held at Sinissippi Park last spring, the partaking of the food. All the delicacies of a picnic were prepared by a local restauranteur. The workers of the Owl and Annual staff shown being served are, left to right, George Keltner, Raymond Goetz, Owl associate editor, and Bernard Lundberg.

The entire student body is given a chance to help the Annual staff, sponsors of the May party, in the election of the May Queen. Students buy tickets which, counting as votes for their favorite candidate, also admit them to the colorful party, which is climaxed by the queen's coronation. In honor of the newly-crowned queen, the Maypole dance, consisting of sixteen girls, each holding a colorful streamer from the Maypole, is performed.

After an issue of the Owl has been printed, it is in the hands of the circulation staff. At right is a typical scene in Room 231 on a Thursday night. In charge of this activity have been Frank Rowley and Harry Richards (standing left), Annual and Owl circulation managers, respectively. Among the others seen folding the Owls are Jennie Michelon, Genevieve Tomenellie, Richard Shattuck, Phyllis Fors, Lorraine Hobbs, and Shirly Block.

Senior girls who placed high in the preliminary voting for May queen were selected to take part in the Maypole dance, under the personal direction of Miss Marion Pierce, physical education instructor. Taking part were (left to right) Harriet Spongberg, Ruth Collier, Jean Lawson, Marie Liberatorie, Priscilla Eaton, Carol Vetter, Gladys Johnson, Helen Wolfensperger, Betty Duncan, Priscilla Gregory, Barbara Granath, Jean Skantz, Margaret Custer, Betty Eickhorn, Corinne Lagerstrom, and Helen Ann McClure.



Provided with the most modern equipment for baseball, basketball, and badminton, and flanked by two corrective gyms with facilities for wrestling, table tennis, and other activities, the new gymnasium has greatly stimulated the establishment of an extensiveve program of intramural sports. With seats for spectators and excellent dressing room facilities, it also is an ideal location for West's home basketball games.

The indirectly lighted swimming pool is one of the most beautiful and popular features of the new high school. Windows made of glass brick by throwing the light toward the ceiling, eliminate the glare. The seating capacity of over four hundred, compared with the inadequate seating facilities of the old pool, has greatly increased the interest in swimming.

VARSITY MENTOR

A University of Wisconsin graduate, and former coach of Baraboo High School, Coach Milo Willson showed his ability by building a strong team.

Co-Captain Robert "Swede" Gustafson showed his ability as first string end, and in bolstering the team's spirit when it was needed most.

Rockford	28	Farragut	7
Rockford	14	Freeport	0
Rockford	12	Joliet	13
Rockford	2	East Rockford	6
Rockford	12	West Aurora	0
Rockford	0	Elgin	13
Rockford	19	East Aurora	25
Rockford	12	LaSalle-Peru	0

Co-Captain Joe Buscemi proved to be a valuable man at center and inspired his teammates with his sportsmanship and determination to win.

TEAM MANAGERS - RESERVES

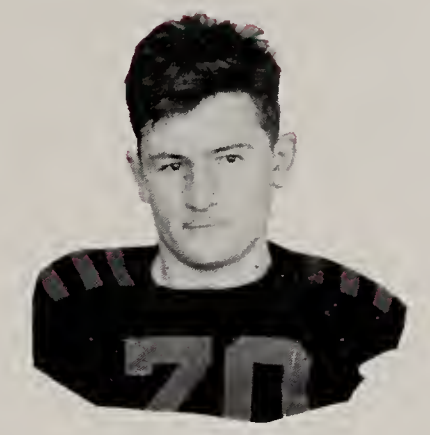
Coach Sabin, Williford, Zielinski, Hoar, Tarquini, Johnson, Gedko, DiMarzio, Yastrab, Crosby, Moberg, Coach Willson.
Pizzuto, Rickert, Loomer, Harkness, Logan, Buscemi, Picken, Shelden, White, Gustafson.
Cassioppi, manager; Arendsee, Watson, C. Choppi, Rasmussen, J. Choppi, Gronlund, Cassaro, Adrignola; Guarino, manager.

SOPHOMORE TUTOR

A graduate of Ohio University, and former coach of Roosevelt Junior high, Coach Sam Tracy built a strong sophomore team to replenish the varsity's losses.

Co-Captain Harry Forbes, who proved himself the star passer on the Sophomore team, heartened his fellow players through his wise judgment of plays.

Rockford	12	Farragut	0
Rockford	21	Freeport	0
Rockford	35	Joliet	0
Rockford	0	East Rockford	0
Rockford	0	West Aurora	0
Rockford	6	Elgin	13
Rockford	14	East Aurora	6
Rockford	6	LaSalle-Peru	6



Co-Captain Dan Salvi, who kept the morale of the team high with his sportsmanship, showed his ability in line plays and in catching passes.

TEAM - SUBSTITUTES - PROSPECTS

(Back row) Rumore, Calgaro, Armato, Vause, Coach Tracy, Giambruno, Henrikson, Elliott, Dresser.
Swords, Keenan, Reilly, Forbes, Eklund, Salvi, Culbertson, Miller.
Massetti, DiMarzio, Burrows, Cuppini, Vascellaro, Messer, Tooley, Tolmie.

WIN FIRST WHS HOME GAME

Coach Willson Instructs Team

During the year of 1891, football made its debut in Rockford High School. The first team, piloted by Harry Dickenson, won and lost its share of games, but developed a code of good sportsmanship for the future teams to follow. The first outstanding victory for Rockford High was the State Championship won in 1910. The Rockford fans witnessed in the old baseball park on Oxford Street these games, which were later moved to the Kishwaukee Street stadium. One year after the establishment of the Big Seven Conference in 1916, Rockford won the Big Seven Championship.

Although only a sophomore, Dominic Tarquini, who played varsity football, will be one of the key backfield men on the team next year. Joe Choppi, senior veteran from the old Rockford high school lightweight team, fought hard and showed his backfield ability when given a chance. Only a junior, Charles Watson, a substitute center, who played to the best of his ability, will play a prominent part in West high's line next year. Benny Yastrab, a transfer student from Winnebago high school, greatly bolstered the strength of the backfield and inspired his teammates in trying moments. John Picken, a junior, who fought hard at both guard and tackle positions, will greatly increase the strength of the West high line next year. Causing much disturbance in any opponent's backfield, Gordon Logan proved himself to be a good guard, and will be back to bolster the team next year. A senior veteran from the Rockford high school heavyweight team, Victor Pizzuto, who played equally well at both end and backfield, consistently encouraged his teammates.

FIGHTERS ALL

Tarquini, J. Choppi, Watson, Yastrab, Picken, Logan, Pizzuto.

PLACE FIFTH IN CONFERENCE

Four years later, Rockford shared the Big Seven title with Elgin. During 1925, the Kiwanis Club and the Alumni Association built the present Fifteenth Avenue Stadium, now called Beyer Field. Five years after the new stadium was built, Rockford won the Big Seven Championship and in 1933 tied with Joliet. The following year, Rockford again shared the title with Joliet. Three years later Rockford won the championship, its last Big Seven conference title. Upon the establishment of the new high schools, West and East Rockford, the Big Seven conference was changed in 1939 to the Big Eight conference.

Bob Hoar Hurdles the Line

Dominic DiMarzio, a senior veteran from the old Rockford high school heavyweight team, who played to the best of his ability, kept his teammates inspired. Roger Arendsee, when given a chance, played hard and proved his power in the line. The tallest man on the team, Fred "Big Stoop" Loomer, plugged up many holes in the line, and gave the opposition much trouble in gaining on line plays. A senior veteran with two years of experience on the lightweight team, Howard Crosby, played his position in the backfield well, and consistently inspired his fellow players. Edward Zielinski, a senior veteran with one year of experience on the heavyweight squad, showed his ability at guard position, and kept the team in high spirits with his humor. A junior veteran from the Rockford high school team, Stuart Rasmussen, who played in the backfield, will be one of the leading candidates for West High's team next year. Howard Gronlund, a veteran from Rockford's 1939 heavyweight team, played well in the backfield and spurred on his fellow players.

HARD PLAYERS

DiMarzio, Arendsee, Loomer, Crosby, Zielinski, Rasmussen, Gronlund.

BREAK L-P's WINNING STREAK

Bill Gedko Plunges the Line

Two outstanding features of the West 1940 football season were the christening of the new Big Eight conference and the initial East-West grid fray. Climaxing the conference race with a startling upset over LaSalle-Peru, who had formerly been unbeaten in eighteen games, the varsity closed the season fifth in the league standings with three wins and four setbacks. Outstanding in the L-P battle were Bill Gedko's and Victor Pizzuto's scoring performances and the fine defensive work of Bob Gustafson. Rockford West gained a 50 per cent break in the entire season's contests, however, due to a triumph over Farragut of Chicago.

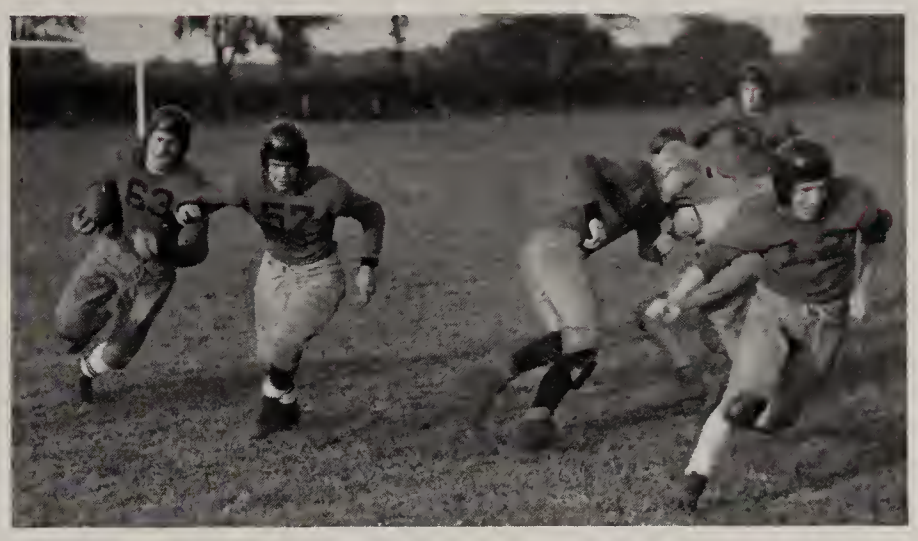
Ed Williford, Junior alternate guard, who displayed a fine fighting spirit, will be an outstanding candidate for a line position on next year's team. Dale "Tiny" Harkness, the heaviest man on the squad, was just too big to be taken out of any play that came through his tackle position. Although only a sophomore, Gordon Johnson was transferred to the varsity squad, where he proved his ability in line plunging and in ball-handling. A substitute end, Kent Moberg, a Junior, played well when called upon, proving himself especially adept as a punter. Jim Shelden, a senior with two years of experience from the Rockford high school team, was a defensive standout at his tackle position. Transferred from the sophomore to the varsity team, Bill Gedko, whose terrific line-plunging and defensive play was rewarded by honorable mention in the all-conference team selections, should be an outstanding performer in the West high backfield next year. Bob Hoar, senior backfield ace, excelled as a climax runner, in breaking away for an 86-yard dash against Freeport.

ALWAYS ALERT

Williford, Harkness, Johnson, Moberg, Shelden, Gedko, Hoar.

PLACE FOURTH IN CONFERENCE

When the Big Seven conference was changed to the Big Eight conference in 1939, the sophomore team plan was adopted to replace the former lightweight team. This year the first West high sophomore team won 3, lost 2, and tied 2, taking fourth position in Big Eight competition. Most outstanding games were the Joliet and LaSalle-Peru grid tilts. During the first quarter of the Joliet game, Dan Salvi led a 63-yard march, climaxed by a 76-yard run in the second quarter, giving the sophomores a considerable lead. In the LaSalle-Peru game, they came up from behind to tie up the game.



Dan Salvi Carries On End Run

Bill Gustafson, second from left in the above picture, played well in the backfield, and was outstanding in blocking. Jerry Eklund, third from left in above picture, proved his ability in line plays and plunges. Guy Masseti, who had had experience on the Roosevelt Junior high school team, showed his value at end. With a year of experience on the Roosevelt Junior high school team, Bill Messer, who played tackle, was in on many plays. Bob Tooley, a promising sophomore, will be one of the leading candidates on the varsity squad next year. A guard, Sam Vascellaro, veteran from Roosevelt Junior high school, proved himself a hindrance to the opposing team. Joe Cuppini, a promising center, played well in the line, and proved to be a good line backer on defense. A veteran from Roosevelt Junior high school, tackle John DiMarzio upset many plays, gaining valuable experience for next year's West varsity squad. Anthony Giambruno, a substitute guard, who proved valuable when given a chance, was in on many of the plays.

WEST'S HOPES

Massetti, Messer, Tooley, Vascellaro, Cuppini, DiMarzio, Giambruno.

OLD TRADITIONS

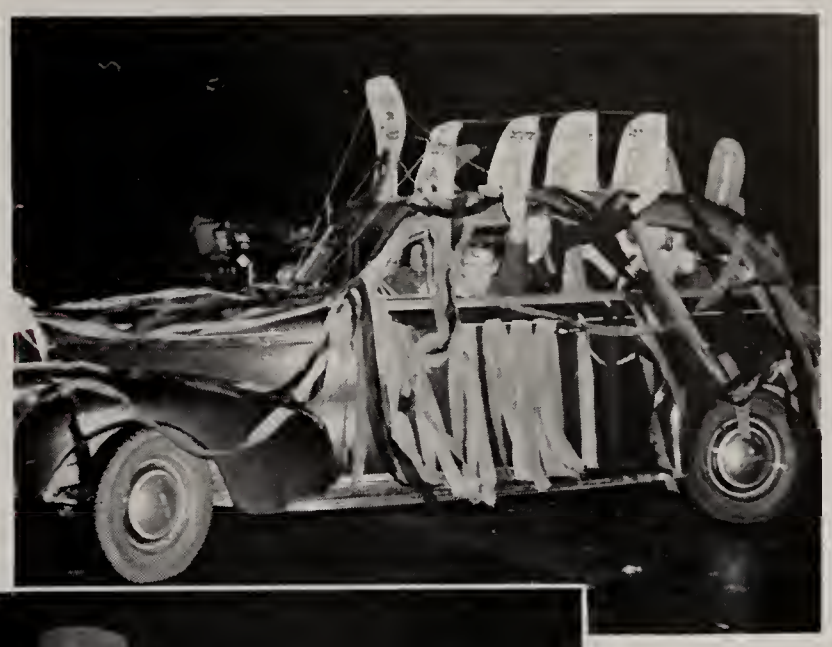
For the first time in local history, the Rockford schools had girl cheer leaders this year, and West High's three feminine yell leaders, Shirley Spackman, Elizabeth Witt, and Barbara Caldwell are pictured here with the four boy cheer leaders, Bill Carter, Malcolm Martin, Kenneth Crandall, and Jim Miller. Red skirts and coats, with which they wore red lisle stockings, white sweaters and white angora mittens, were made for the girls by the West home economics department.

Co-Captains Joe Buscemi, center, and Bob Gustafson, end, receive their letter award from Coach Milo Willson while the other heavyweight letter winners look on. Coach Willson presented letter awards to twenty-three varsity players in the first athletic award assembly held in West high following West's first football season. Identifiable in the picture (left) are Dominic DiMarzio, Martin Briddick, Dale Harkness, Bob Hoar, James Shelden, Victor Pizzuto, Gordon Johnson, Roger Arendsee, Kent Moberg, and Joe Choppi.

Frank Alonzo, star East high back, is shown here completely surrounded by West high tacklers as he attempts to advance the ball. Joe Buscemi is coming from the extreme right to aid in the tackle as Alonzo tries to break away from a West high lineman. Dale Harkness on the left and Bob Gustafson, number 64, also are converging upon the hapless ball carrier. Other players can be seen coming up to the play from behind.

A section of the crowd of West high students greeting Coach Willson and Principal Blue at the football rally in Fairground park is shown here. Speeches were made by the coaches and Mr. Blue and prizes were awarded to the home rooms with the best parade entries. Among the students in the picture are Reginald Whitson, Sally May Wilson, Lowell Branning, Jack Powell, Mary Jane Tracy, Janice Wolter, Mary Jane Wood, Bill Mackey, and Don McElhenry.

GIVE WAY TO NEW

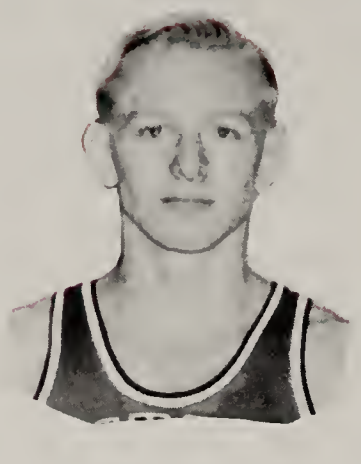


To highlight the first football rally, home rooms throughout West high school decorated cars and drove them through the West side streets in a huge parade before the demonstration at Fairgrounds park began. Home room 115's entry is pictured here ready for the parade with Jim Murray and Jean Hoffman waving to friends from the car. Inaugurated to replace the riotous snake dance, the parade was a great success, with almost all of the home rooms decorating an entry.

Immediately before the East-West game, Mayor Charles F. Brown (second from left) made a short address asking the students and adults to observe the rules of fair play. He is pictured above talking to the game officials, (left to right) Charles Smidl, Miles Havlicek, and A. L. Glich. Hard, clean blocking, and tackling characterized the play of both teams. The officials praised both coaching staffs and squads for the spirit of sportsmanship shown by the team.

Coaches Tracy and Willson with a number of West high reserves are pictured here intent on the play in the East-West game. East was the home team for the game, so the West squad used the "visitors" bench. Left to right the reserves are Stuart Rasmussen, Gordon Cotta, Joe Grazioli, Carl Choppi, Bill Crotzer, Rocco D' Angelo, Sam Cassaro, and Sam Adrignola. The East student body is directly behind the West bench.

Coach Willson speaks at the prep rally before the East-West game, while Mr. Blue prepares to announce the winners of the parade which the Junior chamber of commerce had judged and awarded prizes. The parade, first of its kind held in Rockford schools, was sponsored before the rally and featured cars decorated by home rooms. Two home rooms having the most beautiful and original cars received cash prizes, and a third received honorable mention.



The only Central high letterman coming to West, Bob Gustafson (above), appointed captain the start of the season, proved to be an inspirational and fighting leader for the team.

SCHEDULE

Rockford	22	Belvidere	29
Rockford	18	Oregon	34
Rockford	18	Rockford East	45
Rockford	21	West Aurora	22
Rockford	22	Dixon	34
Rockford	27	LaSalle-Peru	46
Rockford	21	Belvidere	19
Rockford	26	Joliet	28
Rockford	19	Freeport	29
Rockford	9	Rockford East	44
Rockford	25	Elgin	37
Rockford	15	LaSalle-Peru	13
Rockford	27	East Aurora	26
Rockford	24	Freeport	40
Rockford	34	Sterling	44

Regional Tournament

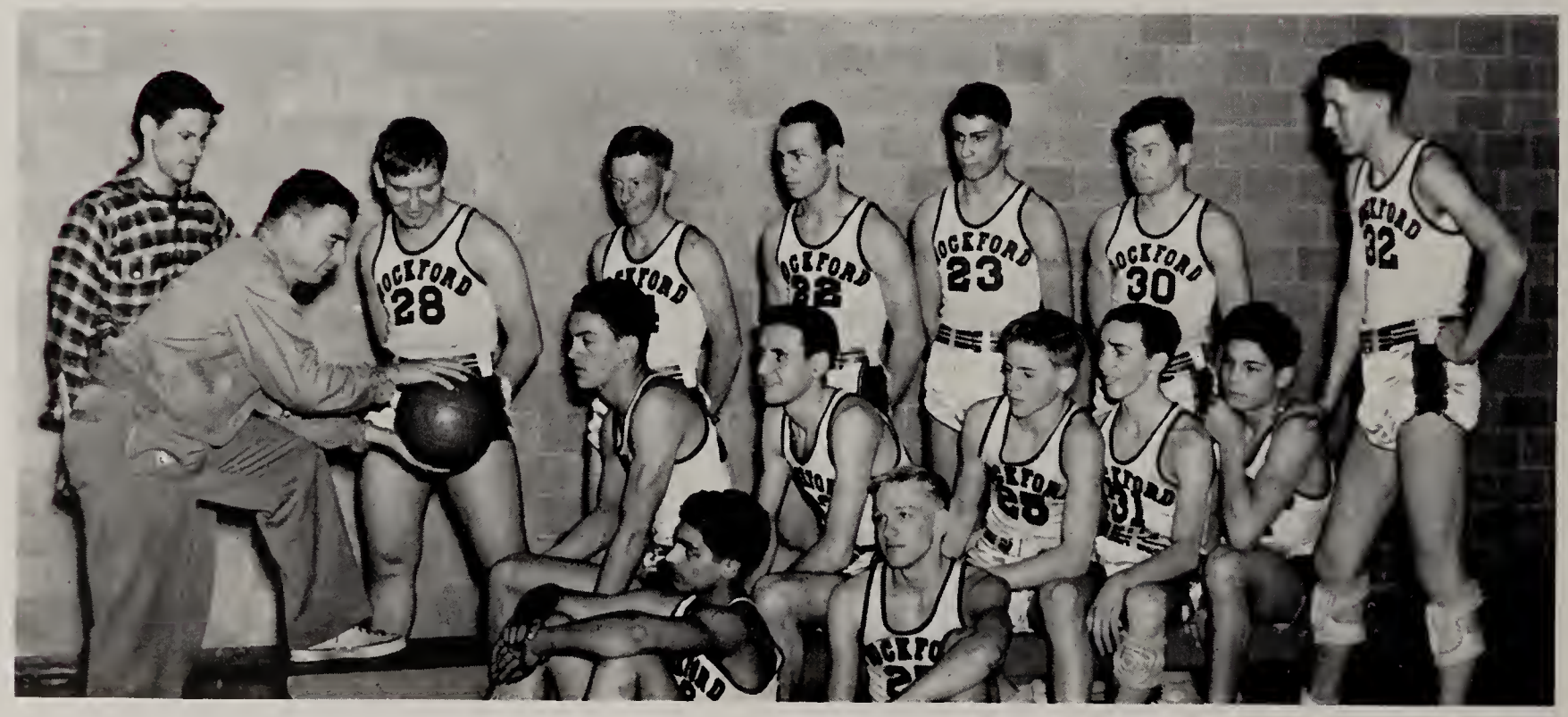
Rockford	46	Harlem	23
Rockford	33	Winnebago	20
Rockford	41	Rockford East	47

Sectional Tournament

Rockford	28	Dixon	40

A senior, Burnie Bailey (above) was an efficient and valuable assistant to Coach Sam Tracy as head manager, always ready to handle the tasks that complete the squad's functioning.

CONSCIENTIOUS CAGERS



(Back row) Bailey, Coach Tracy, Johnson, Lundeen, McCrudden, Alis, Salvi, Mitchell.
(Front) Massetti, Buscemi, Tarquini, Gustafson, Forbes, Vaughn, Cuppini.

Frank Bagdon (above), probably the Rablets' most valuable player, was dreaded throughout the conference because of his sharp-shooting eye.

SCHEDULE

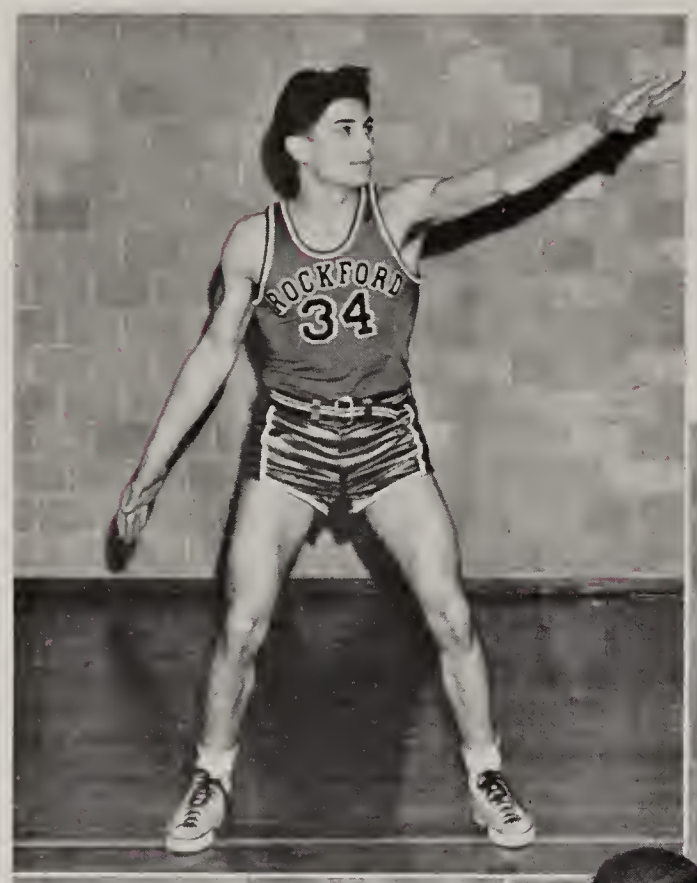
Rockford	28	Belvidere	27
Rockford	19	Oregon	5
Rockford	42	Rockford East	19
Rockford	32	West Aurora	17
Rockford	13	Dixon	20
Rockford	31	LaSalle-Peru	20
Rockford	30	Belvidere	13
Rockford	35	Joliet	19
Rockford	26	Freeport	13
Rockford	29	Rockford East	35
Rockford	24	Elgin	25
Rockford	30	LaSalle-Peru	25
Rockford	38	East Aurora	29
Rockford	26	Freeport	33
Rockford	51	Sterling	41

In his first season at a managerial post, Pierre Vinet was awarded a letter for service as head Sophomore manager and will return next year.

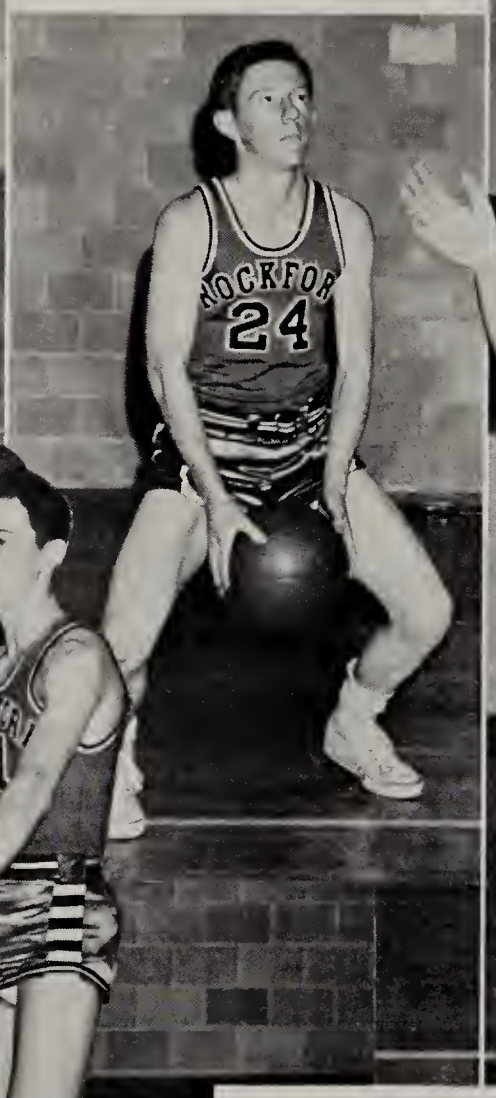
FUTURE VARSITY MEN

(Back row) Shackelford, Jackson, Bagdonas, Ciccio, Clark, Giambruno, Olson, Smith, Ferraro, Reed, Heath.
(Front) Eklund, Hammond, Vascellaro, Bagdon, Gustafson, Hunt, Rumore, DiMarzio, Dresser, Coach Willson.

REACH SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

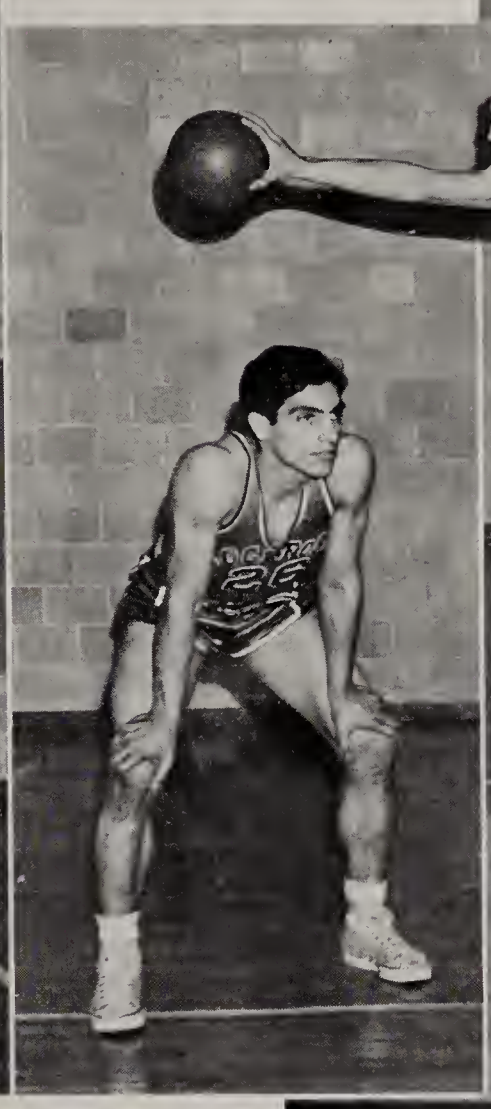


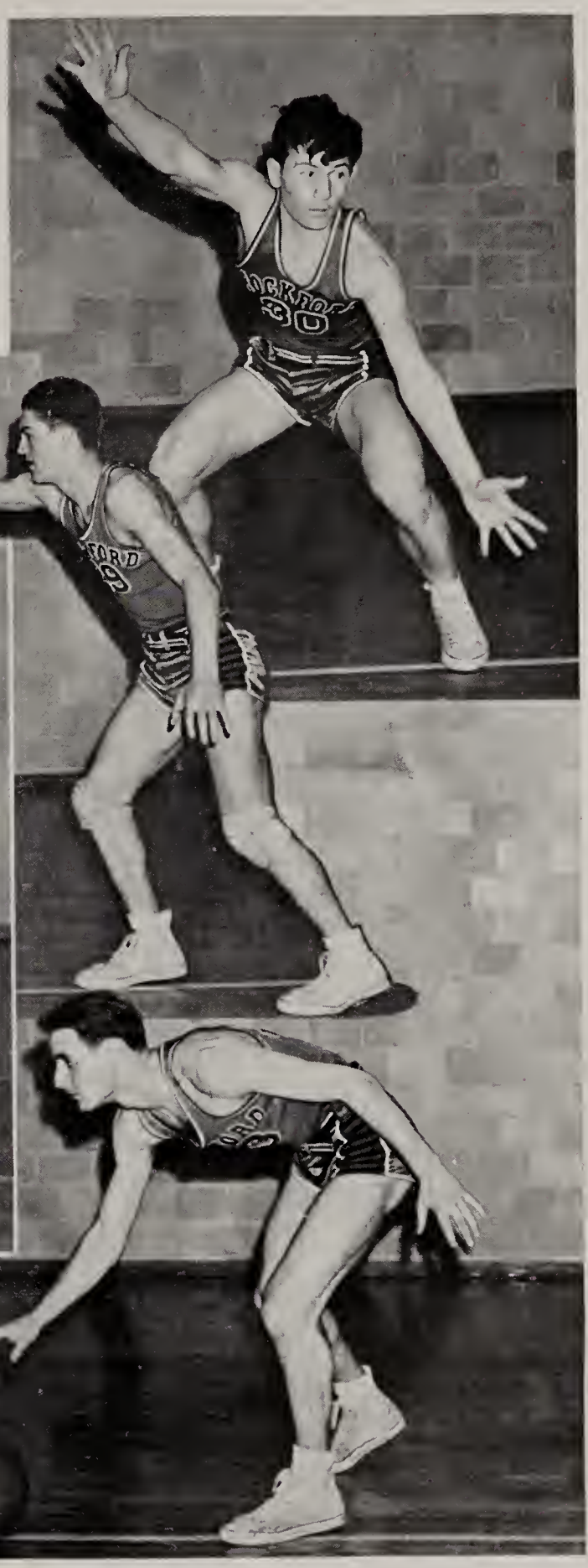
Two outstanding members of the West high varsity who proved valuable to the squad's attack were Joe Cuppini (left) and Richard Mitchell (right). A former regular on the Sophomore team, Joe Cuppini graduated to the varsity at mid-semester, earning a second string guard position because of his consistency in accurate ball handling and his brilliant defensive work. A junior, Dick Mitchell, played regular center in all conference games and performed conscientiously up until tournament time when Captain Bob Gustafson was shifted to the pivot position.



Three reserves who supplied excellent support to the regulars were Kenneth Vaughn (direct left), Robert Lundeen (above center), and Carl De Mars (above right), while a fourth, Harry Forbes (extreme left), later advanced as first string forward. With some experience from the Central high lightweights, Kenneth Vaughn, a junior, was awarded a berth on the squad as a forward. Ken saw little action in scheduled games but played in all B squad contests with the Junior highs. Another junior, Robert Lundeen, was celebrated for his speed, sharp-shooting eye, and coolness at crucial moments, always keeping the regulars hustling. He will be counted on heavily next year. Forward and center, Carl De Mars, a junior, was relied on for general utility tasks when the occasion demanded. Carl played mostly B squad basketball, thereby gaining some of the necessary experience that will benefit him next season.

WIN 5 LOSE 14 IN CONFERENCE

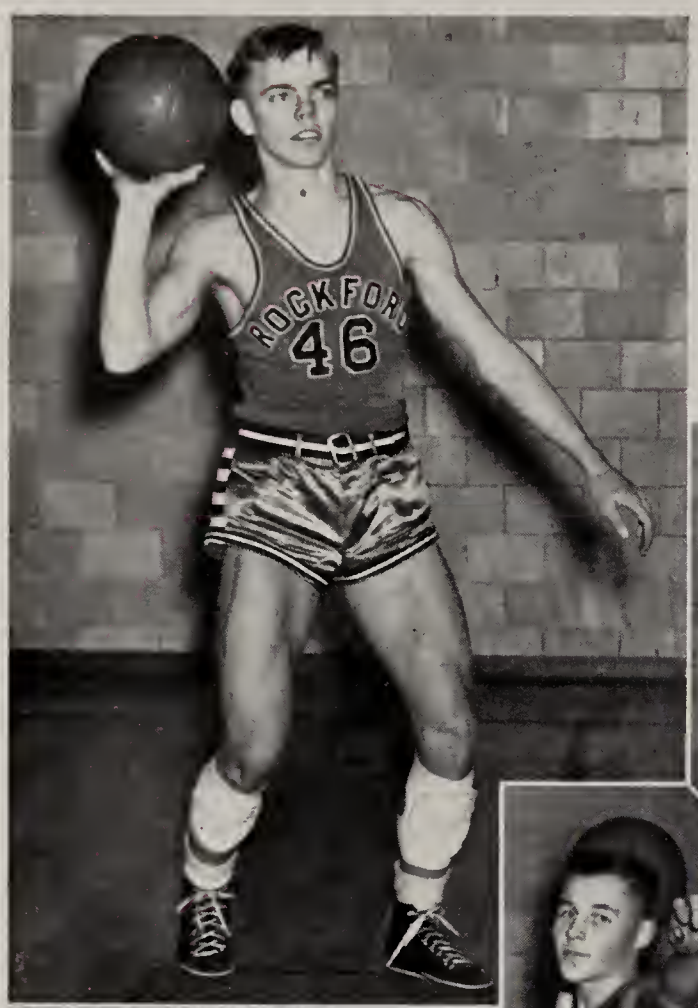




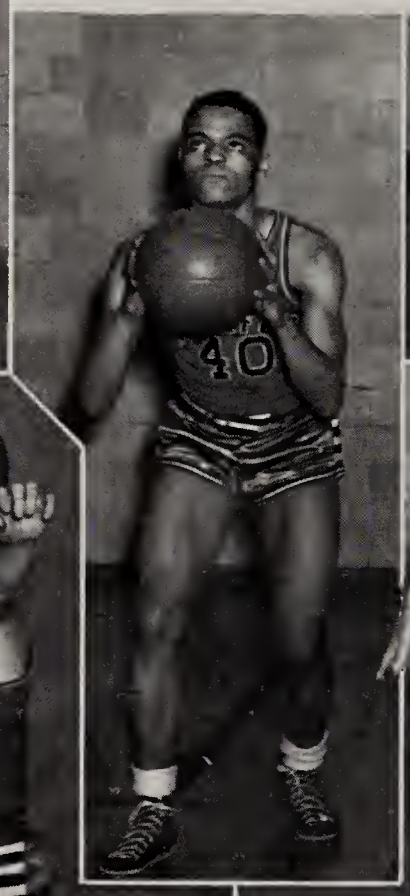
John McCrudden (left) and Dan Salvi (right) contributed both ability and gameness to the varsity. From three seasons of playing at the Roosevelt and Washington junior highs, John McCrudden joined the West troupe at mid-semester this year and immediately captured a regular position, first as a forward and recently as a guard. His scoring-punch in regional tournament play was very noteworthy. Dan Salvi, an early season guard, later operated as a forward, where his shooting ability was found to function even better. Another one of the team's sophomores, Dan's arrival for play next season will be awaited.

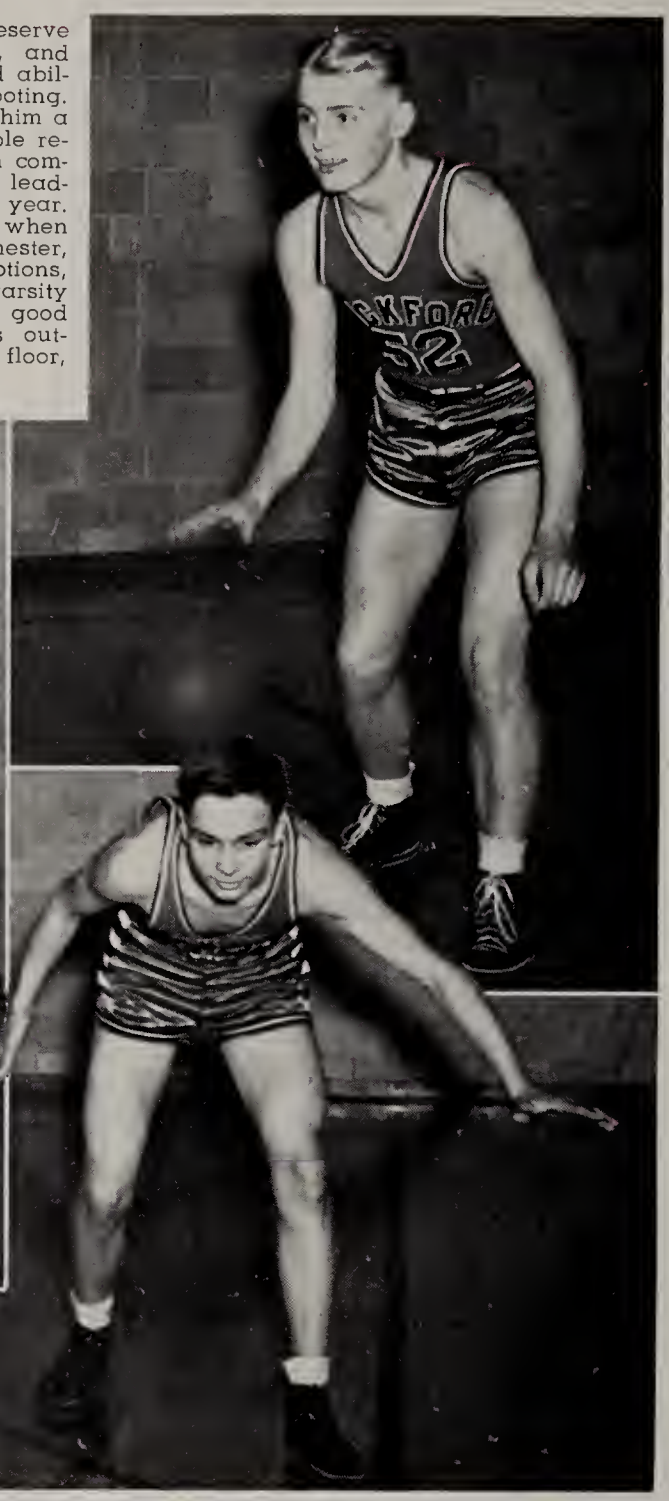
One of the squad's two graduating senior lettermen who was a regular performer is Joe Buscemi (above center), while Dominic Tarquini (right), first string forward, and John Alis (above left) and Guy Massetti (above right), reserves, will return to play for the West majors next year. Hard work and versatility won a guard position for Joe Buscemi, and he started there in all Big Eight games and in the regionals and sectionals. Joe's carefulness and thinking will be missed in the future. Already a well-grounded cager under Coach Tracy's tutorship at Roosevelt, Dominic Tarquini failed to miss any of the 19 tilts in the 1940-41 term. A member of the sophomore class, he should prove to be outstanding in games to come. A reserve all season, John Alis, nevertheless, was selected as an element of the squad competing in the state tourney. Inexperience in service on the hardwood floor failed to stop Guy (Moose) Massetti from hard work the entire season.

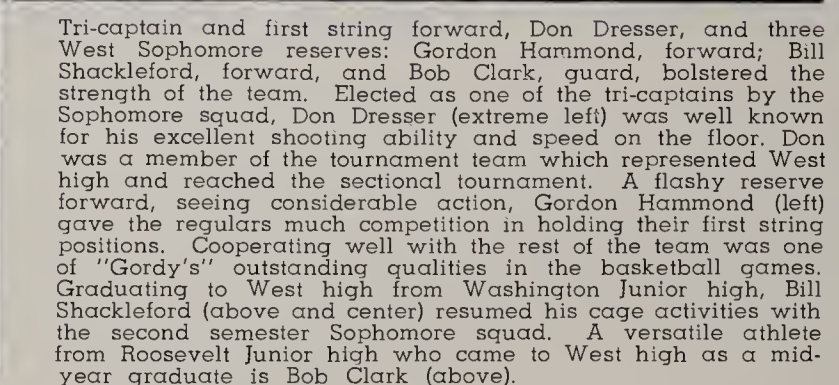
COMPETE IN INITIAL SEASON



Two outstanding Sophomore reserve guards, Bill Gustafson (left), and Jerry Eklund (right), displayed ability in ball handling and shooting. Bill Gustafson's coolness won him a place on the team as a reliable reserve. With his experience in competitive games, Bill will be a leading fighter for the varsity next year. Jerry Eklund played well when given a chance the first semester, but because of mid-year promotions, he was transferred to the varsity squad. As quick thinking and good defensive work were Jerry's outstanding features on the gym floor, he will see action next year.



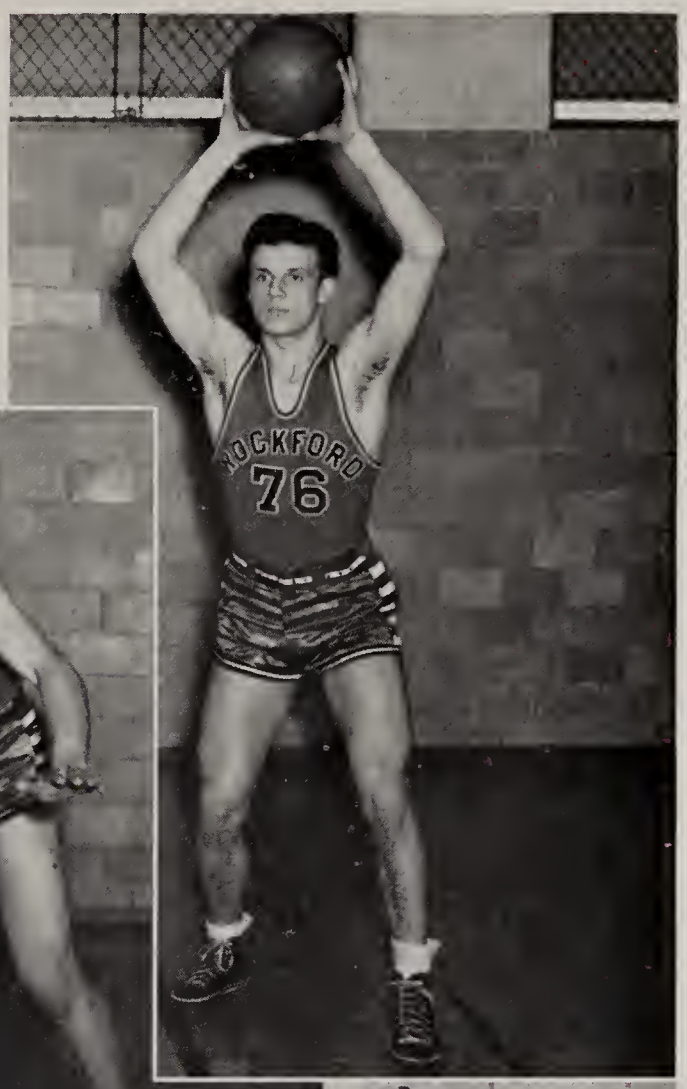


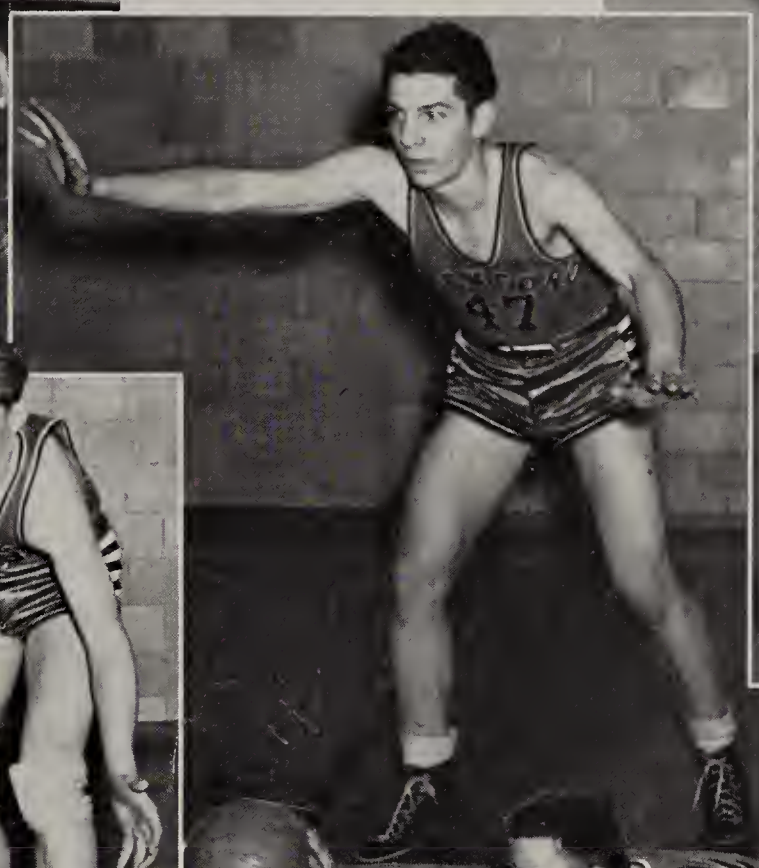


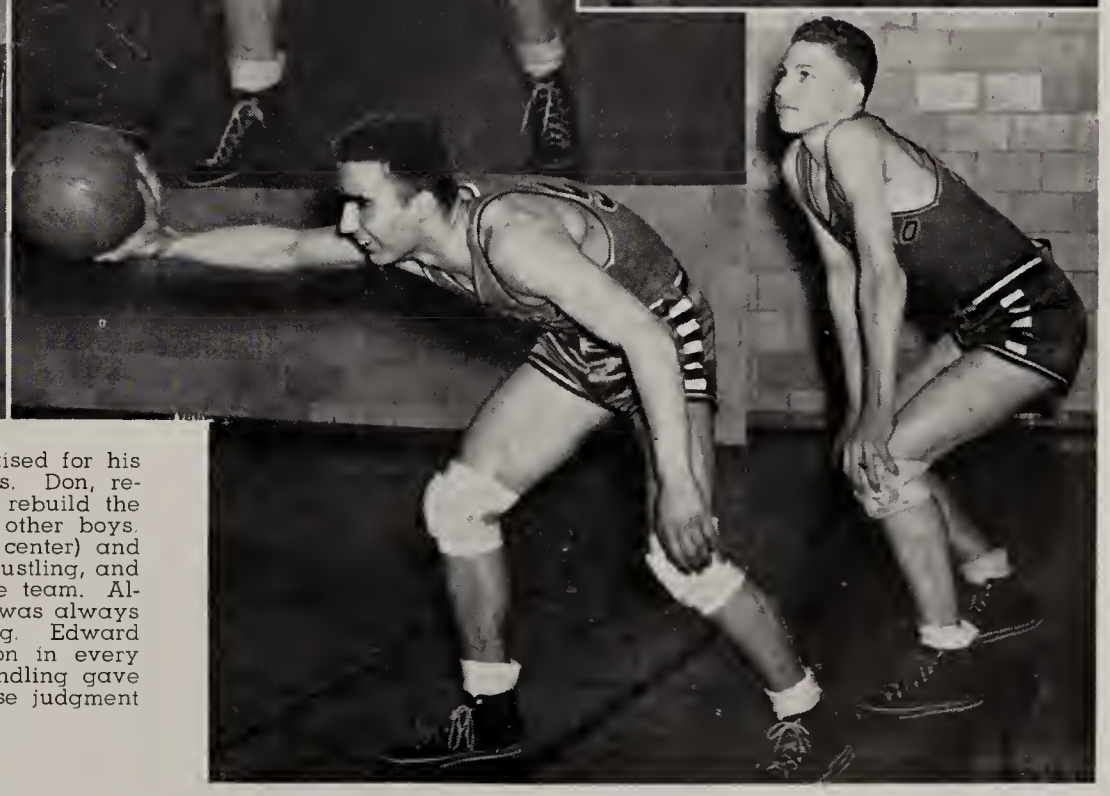
Tri-captain and first string forward, Don Dresser, and three West Sophomore reserves: Gordon Hammond, forward; Bill Shackleford, forward, and Bob Clark, guard, bolstered the strength of the team. Elected as one of the tri-captains by the Sophomore squad, Don Dresser (extreme left) was well known for his excellent shooting ability and speed on the floor. Don was a member of the tournament team which represented West high and reached the sectional tournament. A flashy reserve forward, seeing considerable action, Gordon Hammond (left) gave the regulars much competition in holding their first string positions. Cooperating well with the rest of the team was one of "Gordy's" outstanding qualities in the basketball games. Graduating to West high from Washington Junior high, Bill Shackleford (above and center) resumed his cage activities with the second semester Sophomore squad. A versatile athlete from Roosevelt Junior high who came to West high as a mid-year graduate is Bob Clark (above).

SOPHS ELECT THREE CAPTAINS

A mid-year graduate and basketball player from Roosevelt Junior high school, Bill Jackson (left) fought hard for a berth on the Sophomore squad. Seeing action in almost every game, Bill bolstered the strength of the team, because of his hard playing and the loss of players in mid-year graduation. Another Sophomore reserve, Sam Vascellaro (right), used his Roosevelt Junior high school training to a good advantage. Whenever given a chance, Sam showed his ability at guard position and cooperated well with the rest of the players. Both boys will be good material next season.



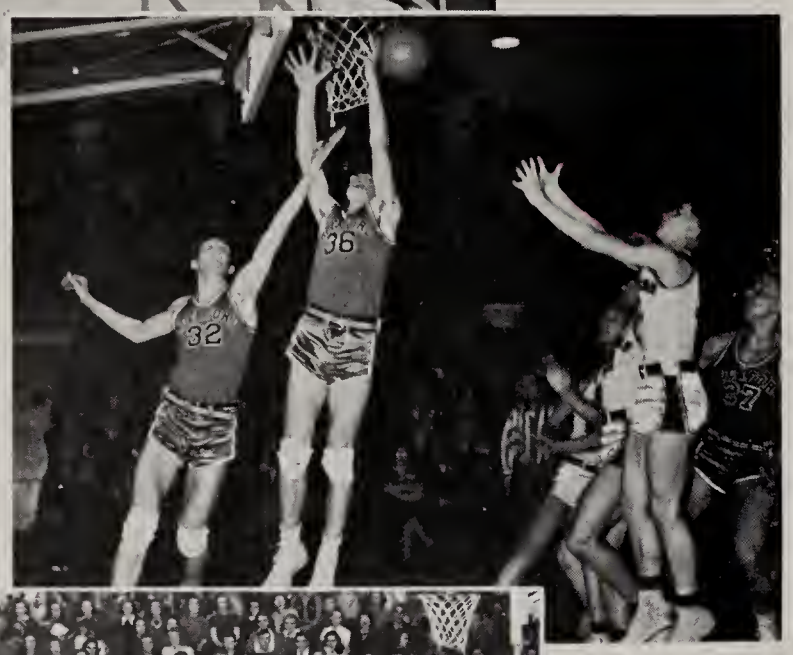




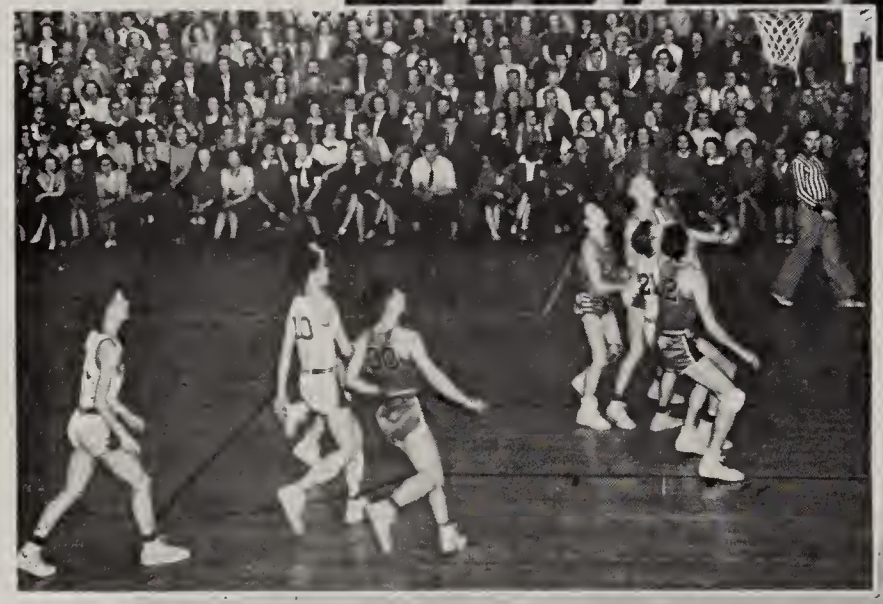
A first string Sophomore guard, Don Hunt was praised for his sharpshooting eye and coolness in crucial moments. Don, remaining eligible for the Sophomore squad, helped rebuild the second semester team, and worked well with the other boys. Two fast, capable reserves, Joe Cicio (above and center) and Edward Bogdonas (extreme right) kept the regulars hustling, and John DiMarzio (right), a tri-captain, helped pilot the team. Although Cicio did not see a great deal of action, he was always ready and willing to do his share of the fighting. Edward Bogdonas, a reserve center and guard, saw action in every game, and his versatility in all phases of ball handling gave him good experience. For his set up shots and wise judgment in ball handling, John DiMarzio was well liked.

BAND SPARKS SPIRIT

The West high band, led by their director, Mr. Elmquist, is shown here playing the school song before the start of a basketball game. Helping to bolster the school spirit, and working hand in hand with the cheer leaders, the band members proved to be ardent school supporters. Aside from playing college songs, the members of the band inaugurated cheers of their own, and offered much competition to the cheer leaders and school cheering body.



Dick Mitchell (32) and Kent Mcberg (36) of West Rockford are shown here jumping for a rebound during the first intra-city basketball game held at West high, as Vic Anucaukas of East and Bob Gustafson (27) of West await a possible chance of gaining possession of the ball. During the games all season, the debate team handled the check room and Mr. Glen Batesole took care of the ticket sales for all athletic events.



Two West high players, center, Dick Mitchell and forward, Millard McEntee, two East high players, Julius Tronski and Co-Captain Carl Lee of East high, are shown left ready to jump for a rebound. Victor Anucauskas and Italo Calacci of East and Dan Salvi of West are converging upon the play from the right. This was during the first East-West game December 13 in the West high gym in which East won, 44 to 18.

Dominic Tarquini, Bob Gustafson, Dick Mitchell, Joe Buscemi, and Dan Salvi, five Rab cagers, are shown here receiving new uniform jackets before the intra-city fray on December 13. During the home room period on the day of the game, a pep rally was held in the gym, during which speeches were made by the coaches and captains. Songs were sung and yells were practiced to welcome the East cagers and fans to the West high gymnasium.

AS CAGEMEN BATTLE

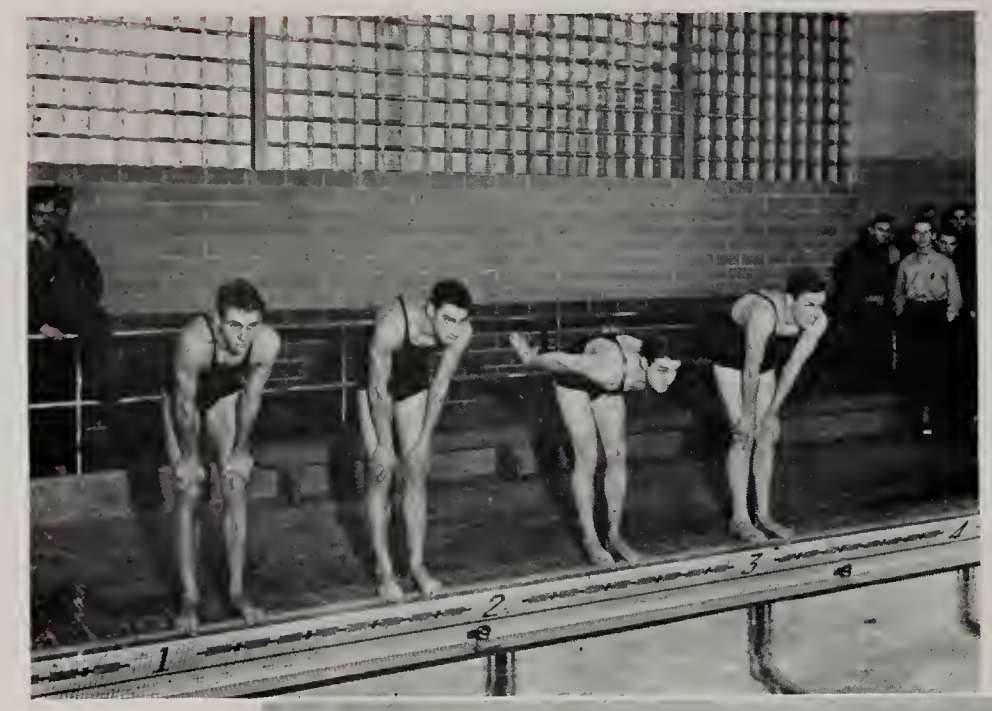
To entertain the fans during the half of the East-West tilt, the Montague house tumbling team gave an exhibition. A tumbling mat was put in the center of the floor, on which the tumblers performed cartwheels, backward and forward somersaults, handstands, and headstands. The boys being only grade school students, performed surprisingly well and their actions showed they had been competently instructed. At the West Rockford-Freeport game, a badminton exhibition was given during the half.

One of the Freeport players is shown here jumping for a rebound during the Freeport-West Rockford Sophomore game. Don Dresser (41) of Rockford and an opponent await the outcome of the jump, as Joe Cuppini (45) of Rockford comes in under the basket to gain possession of the ball. The keen rivalry between the Pretzels and the Rabs attracted a large crowd of supporters from Freeport, to give the Rockford fans some cheering competition.

West's Don Hunt, Sophomore guard, is pictured to the right, set to either shoot or pass into Freeport's zone defense to teammates Frank Bagdon or Don Dresser. Joe Cuppini is backing up the play. This was the first semester Freeport-West sophomore game which West won 26 to 13. The Pretzels defeated the West sophs 33 to 26 late in the season to smash Coach Willson's hopes of a share in the Big Eight Conference Championship.

During the basketball season the "R" Club members acted as ushers. Mr. Lundahl is shown here giving final instructions before one of the conference games held in the West high gym, to (left to right) Howard Gronlund, Ray Nihan, Rocco D'Angelo, Bill Messer, Edward Zielinski, Gilbert Rickert, John Picken, John Machelli, Thomas Clift, Bob Rosecrance, Dominic De Marzio, Victor Pizzuto, and Wayne Otto. Several of the men teachers acted as ticket takers at the game.

NATATORS DEFEAT EAST



Four veterans who were graduated in January after three years of service on the tank squad are pictured above ready for the starter's gun in a practice drill. Left to right are Bill Joslyn, who starred in both the medley relay and the 100-yard back stroke; Addison Foss, whose free style swimming was a highlight of the first semester meets; Lawrence Olson, top 200-yard free style ace, and Bill Mackey, lead man in the 100-yard back stroke.

Highlighted by two wins from East high and a conference championship, West's first swimming season was one of the most successful in Charles A. Beyer's tank reign in Rockford, although their 15 meet schedule was the most rigorous yet tackled by a Rockford team. East was defeated twice, 51-24, in the first semester, and 46-29 in the second. Host to the first conference swimming meet, West scored heavily in the final three events to win with 54 points.

West's three divers, Richard Dost, Mallory Mitchell, and Henry Broquist, are pictured (center) on the board. Mitchell, who placed third in the state meet, breast stroke event, and Dost doubled as breast stroke swimmers, and Broquist as a back stroker. Gaillard Ellsworth, Jack Inhoff, and Ray Nihan, three free stylers, are shown at the left. Nihan, a consistent point winner for three years, and Ellsworth are seniors, while Inhoff will return to the squad next year.

TANKERS LEAD BIG EIGHT

To the right are Armour Titus and James Murray, Senior breast strokers, and Dave Welsh, star sophomore back stroker. Two under-class free stylers who will see action on next year's team, John Ross, center, and Lambert Verstynen, right, are pictured (center) with Darrell Forbes, Senior sprint ace. A sophomore, Ross was a stand-out 200-yard free styler, while Verstynen starred in the sprints. They are expected to form the nucleus for the 1941-42 team.

Oak Park, 44; West, 22.
Clinton, 47; West, 33; East, 16.
West, 45; L-P, 28; Joliet, 23.
West, 51; East, 24.
New Trier, 45; West, 29.
West, 43; Janesville, 30.
West, 39; L-P, 36.
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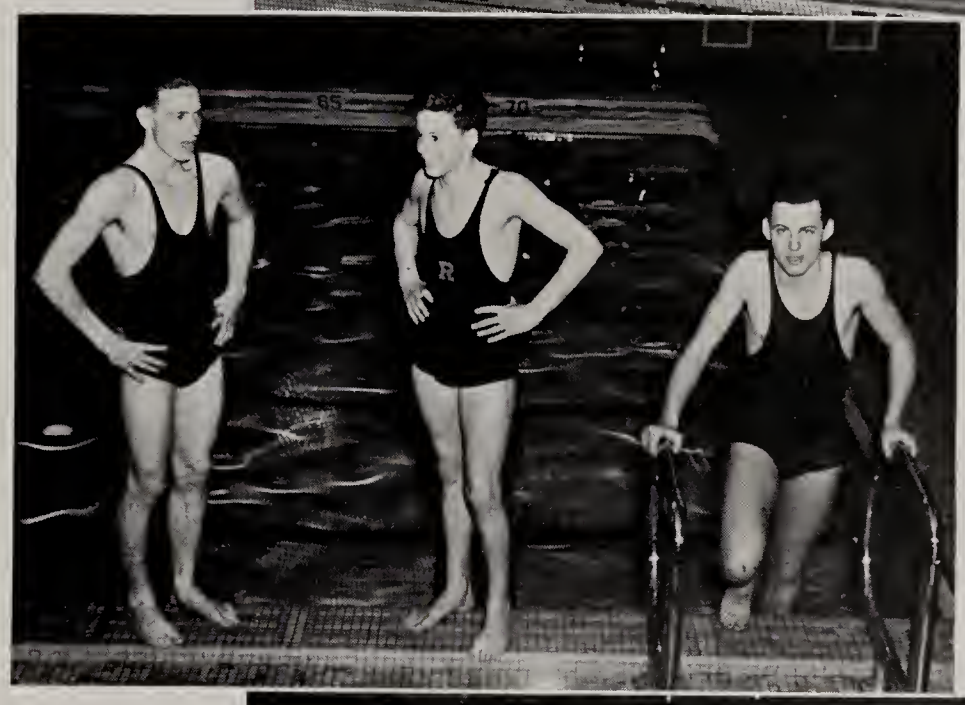
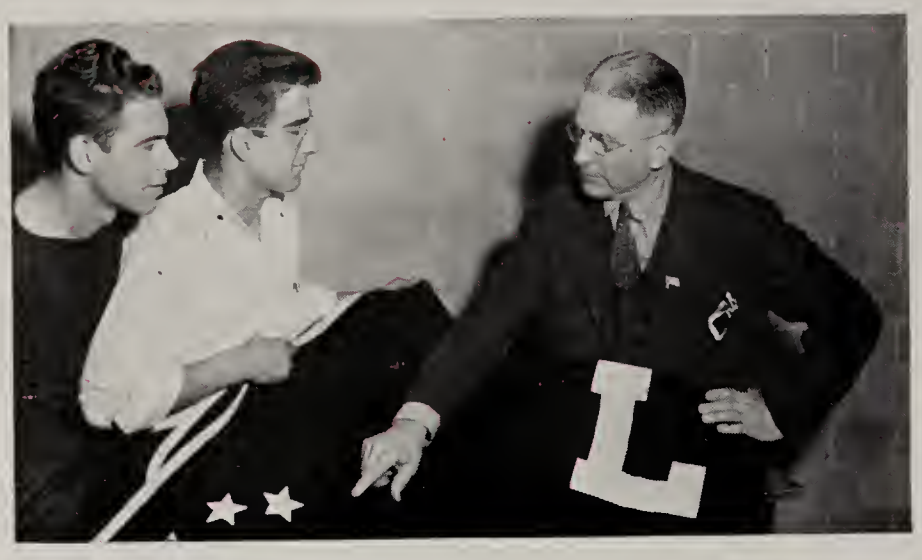


Gale Olson, student manager; swim free styler Darrell Forbes, and Bill Glenny, Junior back stroker, are pictured to the right inspecting a pan of rubber "flippers" which, when attached to a swimmer's feet, greatly increases his speed. Olson, lone tank manager, was a great aid to Coach Beyer throughout the long season, performing his many duties faithfully. Although Forbes will graduate in June, Glenny will return to bolster the back stroke department next year.

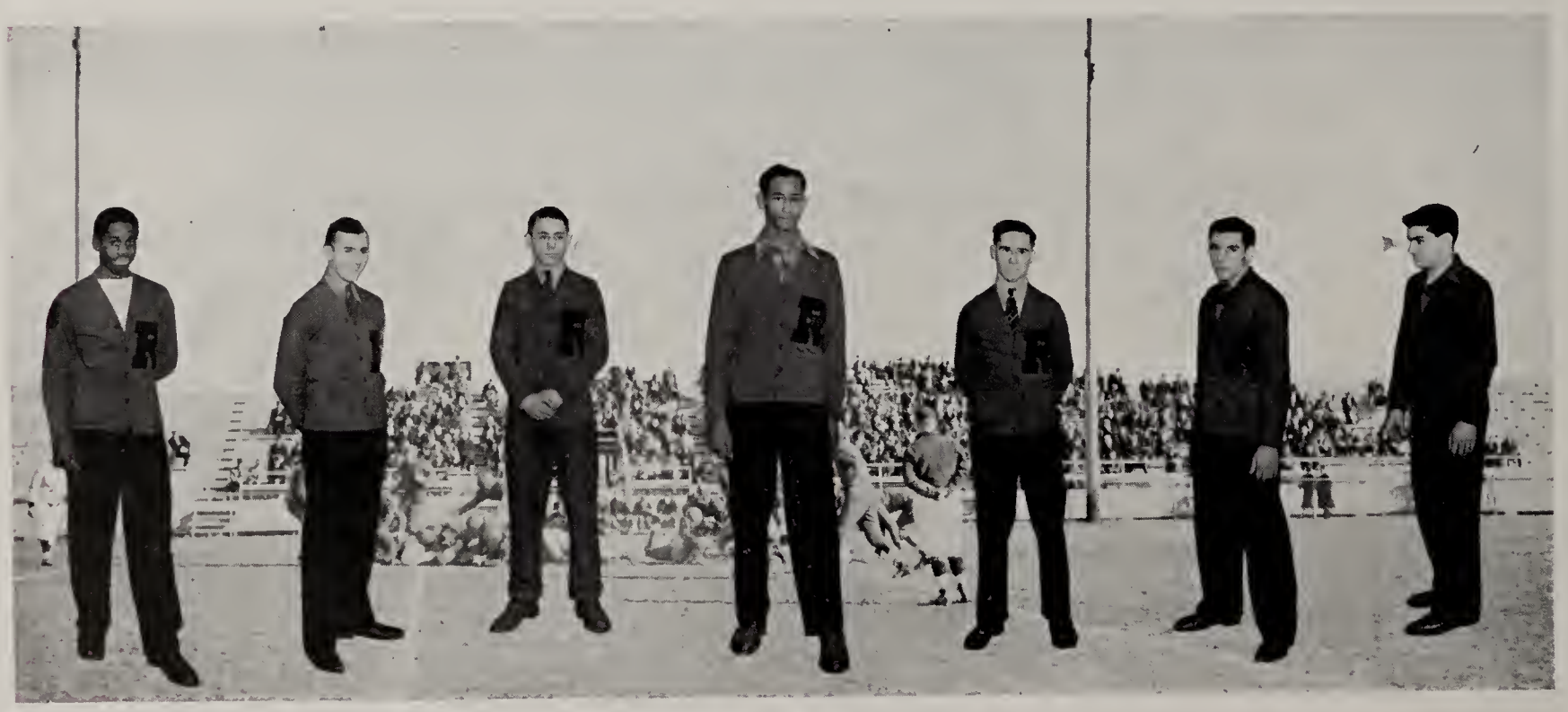
DISTRICT WINNERS



Coach Beyer Shows His College Award

The track team ended victoriously its last season at RHS, winning the Big Seven conference championship for the tenth consecutive time. Copping eight first places, the thin clads finished with a score of 75 points, their closest opponent, LaSalle-Peru, having only 30 points, with East Aurora, West Aurora, Joliet, and Freeport trailing behind. They also won the district championship, for the fourteenth consecutive time, qualifying them for the state meet. During the district meet, Eugene Speck broke the high jump and the broad jump records; Henry Cossey bettered Dave Denny's high hurdle mark in the final race.

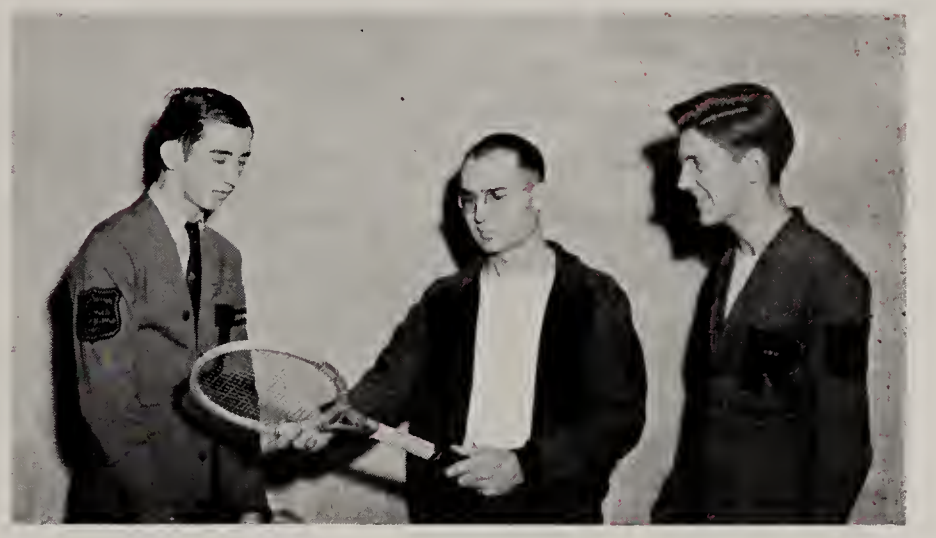
Bob Hoar (left in the above picture) proved to be a reliable man on the track team, being a good pole vaulter and low hurdler. Consistently winning points for the team, Dominic DiMarzio (right in the above picture) won his recognition in the high hurdles. Henry Cossey, star high hurdler, who broke Dave Denny's record, held a prominent position on the squad. A 440-yard relay man, John Picken increased the strength of the team. Thomas Clift, the shorty of the team, pole vaulted to great heights to win points for the thin-clads. Donald Brown, high jumper, won recognition and points for the Rab tracksters. A 220-yard dash man, Gaylord Chew, who held anchor position on the 880-yard relay team, encouraged the track team with hard practice. John Gerardin, who was Number 3 man on the 880-yard relay team, proved to be a valuable man. The century flash star and 880-yard relay man, Wayne Otto, who consistently won points for the team, increased his speed with hard practice.



Cossey, Picken, Clift, Brown, Chew, Gerardin, Otto.

BIG SEVEN CHAMPS

Winning the Big Seven conference, and placing second in the district meet, the tennis team ended its career at Rockford high school triumphantly. Captain Don Carter (left in the picture to the right), who played No. 1 man on the team, qualified for the state meet, but was put out at Champaign in the semi-final match by Al Wieman of Dixon. Kent Moberg (third from the left in the picture to the right) and his doubles partner, Art Mattison, were dethroned in the semi-finals of the district meet, losing the chance for the doubles team to go downstate.



Coach Sabin Illustrates Proper Grip

Winning every meet, the golf team copped two major championships, the district crown for the sixth consecutive year, and the Big Seven title. The team placed seventh in the state tournament held at the Mt. Hawley Country Club in Peoria, with Captain Ray Nihan tying for fourth place with Don Street of Rushville, and John Franklin of Oregon. The Rabs concluded golf team history with a phenomenal record of having won 37 out of 38 meets since 1935. Robert Hogg reached the semifinals in the intersquad tournament, and proved to be a valuable man who could be depended upon. Number 2 man on the team, Bob Rosecrance did well in winning his dual matches, because of his previous experience. Captain Ray Nihan, the only returning letterman, was the nucleus around which Coach James Laude built his championship team. Eliminated by Bob Rosecrance in the intersquad meet, Vernie Lindstrom was a dependable player and a promising candidate for this year's team. Another likely candidate for this year's team is Harry Forbes, who has proved himself a good golfer.

Hogg, Rosecrance, Nihan, Lindstrom, Forbes.

THEY CAME, THEY SAW

Ray Nihan, the Rabs number one man (middle), Dick Rundall, the Pretzels' number one man, and a fellow teammate look over their scores during the Big Seven conference meet held at Sandy Hollow golf course. The district meet which qualified players for state competition, and all other meets held at Rockford, were held at the Sandy Hollow golf course. The intrasquad elimination tournament was staged at the Mauh-Nah-Tee-See country club.

Richard Dost, Rockford diver and breast-stroke swimmer is shown here completing a required dive during the intra-city meet held in the West high pool. In the background is the student cheering section which seats over four hundred, the standing room accommodating about two hundred. The judges shown are Wentworth Lobdell (left), former Rockford diver and Big Ten conference champion, and Harry Nutting (right), coach at Roosevelt Junior high. Harold Burr, another judge, is not in the picture.

Jim Shelden, Alan Boswell, Gray Kelley, and Richard Dost (53) spur on members of the West swimming squad, during the triangular meet between Joliet, LaSalle-Peru, and West Rockford. Willard Mackey of the winning relay team swimming in lane six is shown here beating Carl Greening in lane four, and giving James Murray a head start in the third lap of the race. James Duncan (extreme left) is preparing to start while Gaillard Ellsworth looks on.

In the second heat of the Big Seven Conference preliminaries in the afternoon, Gaylord Chew (at right) is shown in first place at the turn of the home stretch. Following close behind (left to right) are Lutz of Freeport, McGill of Joliet, Bartaloni of LaSalle-Peru, and Barnett of East Aurora. During the finals that evening, Barbara Hale, last Rockford high school May queen, and her court, awarded prizes to the winners of the events.

THEY FOUGHT, THEY WON

Jerry Bowman of Rockford (left) is shown preparing to sink his last putt of the eighteen-hole conference tournament. One of the threesome is holding the flag, while his teammate from West Aurora looks on. After winning the conference three straight years, the Rabs gained permanent possession of the trophy, and also by winning the district meet, carried home the championship plaque. The first four players in the district meet received individual medals.

Joliet's John Semitakel, who finished second to Mallory (Mike) Mitchell of West Rockford in the conference diving competition, knifes the water to complete a well executed back-jackknife dive in the triangular meet among Joliet, LaSalle-Peru, and West Rockford. One of the diving judges, Wentworth Lobdell, former Big Ten diving champion for three consecutive years, can be seen carefully eyeing Semitakel's dive. The Joliet ace won the event, defeating Richard Dost and Henry Broquist of West.

The largest crowd to attend a West high swimming meet all season saw the West siders defeat Joliet and LaSalle-Peru January 10. Pictured (right) is a section of the crowd intent on the start of the 100-yard free style event. Among the students identifiable in the crowd are Harry Forbes, Bob Clark, Bob Israel, Dominic Tarquini, and Monica Kelly. Two faculty members, Miss Mildred Greenlee and Miss Maxine Smith, are seen also among the spectators.

Wayne Otto is shown (at right) after a hard fought home stretch, in the first heat, breaking the tape which qualified him for the final race. Brannick of Freeport is coming in second, McHugh of Joliet, and Patterson of East Aurora third and fourth. Preliminary heats were run off in the afternoon, and the finals were held in the evening. During the meet, Walter Mehl, track star of University of Wisconsin, gave an exhibition run, paced by four Rockford stars.

TOURNAMENTS PLAYED

Ruth Carlson (above), who is sighted as probable material for a future student assistant, was elected to serve the sophomores as sports captain this year.

Miss Currier (above) has served as organizer and head adviser of GAA. She has had charge of the Sophomore club besides planning all sports programs.

A capable student assistant, Helen Young (above) received a major letter for completing seven semesters of work. A graduating Senior, she was active in all sports.

With seven semesters of work to her credit to gain a major letter award, Carolyn Ramer's interest in basketball made her a faithful member. Her cooperative attitude made Geneva Olson a valuable support to the volleyball team. She earned a major letter for seven semesters of hard work. Cooperative attitude has helped Jennie Michelon also to become outstanding in GAA activities. A graduating senior, she has a major letter for seven semesters of work. Connie White boasts a major letter for seven semesters of basketball. As a sophomore she was entered in the free-style relay in the swimming meet. Frances Block with six semesters' work, including basketball and volleyball, has a major letter. She proves to be a valuable asset to any team. Ann Piai, who has been a responsible and cooperative player on the volleyball team, has completed seven semesters of work, and received a major letter. Erma Richards, a June graduate, accomplished her nine semesters of active work by becoming a dependable support to the swimming team in many meets.

TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

Ramer | Olson | Michelon | White | Block | Piai | Richards

SWIMMING MEET HELD

Frances Grimm (above), received her senior bracelet this year for completing twelve semesters of work. She is a student assistant and wearer of a major letter.

Betty Lucas (above), who has capably served as captain for the Junior swimming team this year, received a major letter for her eight semesters of work.

Miss Pierce (above), swimming instructor for East and West High school girls, devoted her time to taking charge of the GAA swimming club each Monday.

After having served as captain of this year's swimming team, Juanita Van Blaricom, a senior, (above), has been awarded a major letter for her eight semesters of work.

Helping to manage the girls' table tennis tournament and participating on every sports team has given Theresa Armato seven semesters' credit and a major letter. The strong support on the swimming team is Corinne Kregor, who has completed nine semesters of GAA work and received her major letter award. Janet Abrahamson, a Senior major letter wearer, has eleven semesters of work to her credit. She has been active in the GAA swimming tournaments. A consistent supporter to the swimming team, Phylis Dickman gained her major letter. As a graduating Senior she boasts seven semesters of work in GAA. An active swimmer, Lillian Sautel, a graduating Senior, earned her major award for seven semesters of regular attendance and her interest in the association. Frances Grimm, a high ranking Senior, scored 119.5 points to become the individual winner of 1939's swimming meet. She received a gold medal for the feat. Jane Hough participated on the basketball and volleyball teams this year. She is a Senior, who, having seven semesters of work, has won a major letter.

INTERESTED PLAYERS

Armato Kregor Abrahamson **Dickman** Sautel Grimm Hough

LETTER AWARD WINNERS

June De Carlo (above) was chosen by the Seniors to serve as sports captain. She completed twelve semesters' credit to receive a Senior bracelet in June.

Miss Kirby (above) capably took charge of the Senior GAA each Tuesday night. Besides her GAA work Miss Kirby teaches in the commercial department.

Dede Whitmore managed the girls' table tennis tournament, was a student assistant and earned a major letter this year. She was formerly a student in DeKalb.

Virginia Young, a graduating Senior, accomplished six semesters of GAA work to be awarded a minor letter in 1940 and a major letter in 1941. A Junior major letter wearer, Eileen Elston played on the tournament teams, and helped out on the swimming team. She has completed eight semesters of work. Because of her cooperative spirit and interest, Mary Ellen Rodwell is the winner of a major letter. She was outstanding in volleyball during her sophomore year. Frances Ogden played some excellent basketball in the Senior basketball tournament this year. She has a major letter award for eight semesters of work. A major letter award was the result of seven semesters of active work in GAA for Irene Brewer. She was a responsible and interested Senior member. After receiving her major letter, Louise Dal Nogare contributed to this year's volleyball tournament. As a Junior she was active in the basketball tournament and swimming meet. Grace Meenen took a great interest in athletic work to chalk up nine semesters' credit for a major letter. She played with unbounded energy and faithfulness.

CAPTAINS LEAD PLAYERS

Young Elston Rodwell Ogden Brewer Dal Nogare Meenen

RECEIVE LETTER AWARDS

Serving as a student assistant, Rose Pavone (above) has completed ten semesters and received a major letter. She served as a swimming captain during her Junior year.

As Junior GAA adviser, Miss Campbell (above) had charge of the basketball, volleyball, and baseball tournaments held on Tuesday nights. She is a teacher in science department.

Mary Odorski (above) has a minor letter for completion of four semesters of work. As Junior sports captain she has proved herself worthy in all sports.

During her seven semesters of work in GAA, Corinne Voecks has proved herself worthy of her major letter by playing in many basketball and volleyball tournaments. Gloria Thorpe developed into a valuable swimmer on the girls' swimming team. She completed seven semesters of work to receive her major letter award. A capable player, Elida Castronovo worked with persistence during her eight semesters of GAA work for a major letter. She also helped with color sales. Helen Fuca, a consistent player on many teams, had varied interests in the GAA which gave her eight semesters of work for a major letter. Agnes Marinelli, a graduating Senior letter award winner, took part in this year's volleyball and other sports to complete seven semesters of GAA work. Besides completing six semesters of work for a major letter and helping with the color sales, Betty Bertrand became a responsible basketball and volleyball team member. Frances Carafotias, a Junior GAA member, was a cooperative player on the volleyball team this year. She received her major letter for nine semesters of work.

COOPERATIVE MEMBERS

Voecks Thorpe Castronovo Fuca Marinelli Bertrand Carafotias

Support Their Teams

The Girls Athletic Club, now called GAA, was organized in November of 1915. The organization was divided into two clubs, the ABL and the Amazons. The ABL club enrolled those who enjoy literature, and the Amazon club, those interested in sports.

The picture (at left) taken in the gym, shows sophomores Genevieve DiPuma, Susan Sanders, and Vivian Moehle scrambling after the ball, sent to the opposite end of the floor by Shirley Cobb.

The Amazon club was later re-organized into the Girls Athletic Association in September of 1933. Rules and regulations were made for the club; also, letters and awards were chosen during that year. All plans for the new club were initiated in 1933, but were not officially accepted until March of the following year.

This action picture (at left) shows Polly Stone passing to Vivian Moehle despite the guards Gretchen Phillips and Shirley Cobb.

Any girl interested in sports, and willing to give one or two nights a week to the activities, is eligible for membership in the GAA. Senior swimming, Senior sports, Junior swimming, Junior sports, Sophomore swimming, and Sophomore sports, are groups in which the girls may participate. Each section meets weekly.

Betty Munson, Genevieve DiPuma, and Shirley Cobb were about ready to score over Jean DeCori, Polly Stone, and their teammates when the cameraman snapped this picture.

Many different awards are given to the members of the GAA. To receive the Senior bracelet, the highest award, a girl must have twelve semesters of work. In order to obtain this much credit, she must join the organization when a sophomore and participate in both sports and swimming.

Susan Sanders (left), Barbara Davis, Vivian Moehle, and Betty Munson were interested in helping Helen DeCori to score a winning point when the picture was taken.

When Swimming Meets

To receive a major letter award a member of GAA does five semesters of work. Both swimming and sports are included in the girls' activities. She must be above average in responsibility and high in personnel rating. The members to receive this award carry four subjects and passing grades in each.

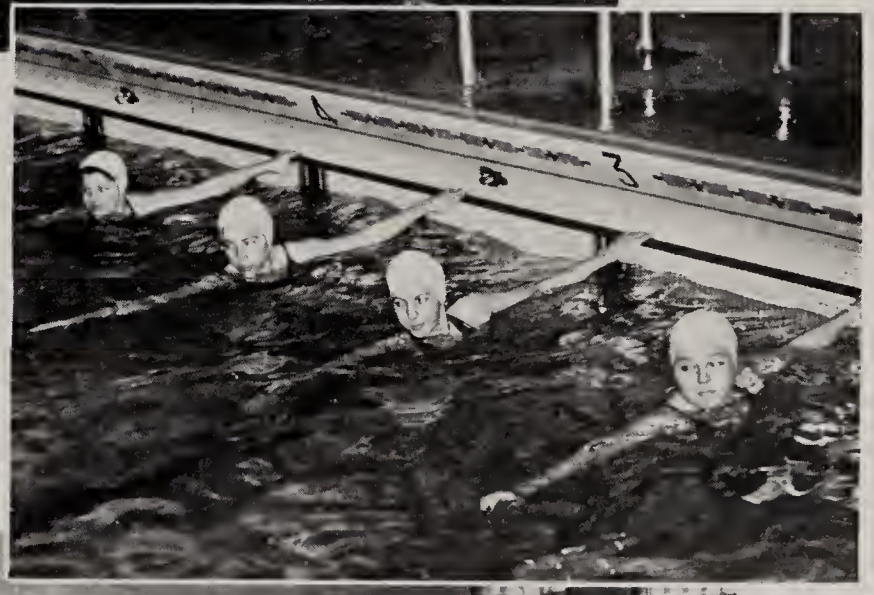
Anita Lobdell, Gloria Peterson, Janet Cadwell, and Katherine Knight were among the swimmers caught forming the "W" in the school pool.

For a student member of this organization to receive a minor letter award, she must have four semesters of work to her credit. She may take part in either swimming or sports. In swimming meets, the girl who makes the highest number of points receives a ribbon for first place honor and also a gold medal.

Jill Floden (left), Anita Lobdell, and Katherine Knight were snapped (left), in action at the beginning of a free style race.

Student assistants are appointed by Miss Currier after one or two semesters of work. Captains' letters are given to girls who are elected to this honor. Selling school colors throughout the school makes up on the main outside activities of the GAA. The colors are sold twice a year before home coming games.

Ready to swim the length of the pool at the time this picture was taken, are Lucille Pohl (foreground), June De Carlo, Grace Meenen, and Phyllis Dickman.



Sport tournaments make up other activities of this organization. From each section a team is chosen to compete in volley-ball, basketball, baseball tournaments, and swimming meets. Each section elects girls to make up the team for meets. In swimming, the representatives are chosen by elimination. The players compete with each other until the winner is determined.

Connie White, Genevieve Wallin, and Ruth Carlson observe the swan dive being exhibited in this picture.

Located in the north wing next to the ROTC rifle range, the bicycle room provides a place for parking bicycles where they will be protected from molestation and the weather. Although many students ride during the entire year the room is used most during the spring and fall months. Shown leaving school are Wesley Morric, Jimmy De Verdi, Henry Outzin and La Verne Clayton.

The fact that there is a new rifle range fully equipped with indirect lighting, a mat to lie on, and a pulley arrangement that permits members to place their targets without going beyond the firing line should mean that better scores will be turned in by the rifle team. Those shooting are Vernie Lindstrom, Gordon Logan, James Shelden, Clifford Wylie, and Richard McGinnis.

Column Left, March

The first platoon of Company F, because of its excellent drill, was adjudged the winning unit at the autumn competitive drill. Lieutenant Richard Dost led the platoon, Sergeant James Retsinas acting as second in command. Each member of the platoon received a merit bar for his excellent work.

The commissioned officers selected by Colonel Pell and Sergeant Smith for the fall semester were (left to right, top row) Lieutenants Ross, McCarthy, Dost, Black, Shelden, Mulaeg, and Swinbank; (front row) Lieutenant Eichman, Captains Early, Haskell, Bendes, Arendsee, and Lieutenants Bietau and Meyer. These cadets have charge of the training of future officers.

At the first annual military ball held at West high school, Mr. Blue is shown presenting the door prize, a miniature sabre, to Jack Faith, winner. Sergeant Smith, Assistant P.M.S.&T., is looking on. More couples attended this social function than any other previous Rockford high school R.O.T.C. ball.

Inspection, Arms

Led by Cadet-Captain Early and Lieutenants McCarthy and Bietau, Company E was judged the best unit of its kind at the competitive drill. This company was tied with Company D for the honors, but after an inspection by the reviewing officers, Company E was declared the winner.

(Left to right, back row) Cadet-Lieutenants Trefz, Ross, Thomas, Titus, Bradley, Lindstrom, Doherty, Martinson, McGinnis, Wylie; (front row) Cadet-Major Eichman, Cadet-Captains Meyer, Swinbank, Bietau, McCarthy, Shelden, and Lieutenant Black were the commissioned officers chosen for the second semester by Colonel Pell and Sergeant Smith (left and right, center front row).

After the captains for R.O.T.C. are chosen, they begin to drill their companies for the competitive drill. In the 1940 Spring drill Cadet-Captain Jack Floden was chosen for the citation of Best Captain. The award was a sabre presented by Mr. Fred Wolters, Past Commander of the American Legion.

By the Right Flank

Each semester sponsors are chosen to represent the ROTC. These first semester sponsors, Patricia Norton, Barbara Holly, Janet Pfeiffer, Juanita Juhlin, and Betty Joy Kelly, were hostesses for the competitive drill. Because they marched in extremely inclement weather during the Armistice Day parade, they were awarded merit bars.

Merit bars were awarded to outstanding cadets at the Fall competitive drill. Captain Bendes was declared best captain. Captain Haskell and Major Day were given awards for their work as battalion commanders. Lieutenant Dost merited his award as best lieutenant. Cadet Whitson won the rookie manual and Corporal Tolmie the open manual.

Wolters, presented awards to Floden, best captain; Major Blackwell, battalion commander; Lieutenant Stevens, best lietenant; Private Schrieber, winner of recruit manual; Corporal Walden, winner of open manual; Cadet Ramsey, most promising recruit; Corporal Fagerberg, best third semester, and Sergeant Eichman, best fourth semester.

Ready, Aim, Fire

Chosen by captains and major, these girls, shown at right, acted as sponsors during the second semester: (top to bottom) Virginia Morgan, Range; La-Dora Greer, Company F; Gloria Barnum, Company E; Geneva Olson, Company D; Patricia Armour, Adjutant; and Patricia Murphy, Battalion.

The first military hop of the combined school battalions was held in the West high cafeteria. Over two hundred couples participated in the main event of the evening, which was the grand march led by Cadet-Major Robert Day, West high, and Juanita Juhlin, and Cadet-Major Gene Stevens, East high, and Marcella West.

Under the able guidance of Sergeant Isaac Smith (extreme left) the rifle team participated in the Corps Area match. They also defeated Joliet in an important meet. The members who fired are (left to right) Bill Ward, Dick McGinnis, Bill Trefz, Warren Skeels, Bill Whelihan, Jim Shelden, Gordon Logan, Vernie Lindstrom and Clifford Wylie.

SCHOLARS

One of the most impressive assemblies of the year is the one in which new members are inducted into the National Honor Society. The program includes a processional (below) led by the president and vice-president, and the administration of the oath and distribution of membership cards by Mr. Blue.

Members of the Rockford high school chapter who came to West were (top, back row) James Klein, James Shelden, William Early, Roger Arendsee, Edward Zielinski; (third row) Grace Meenen, Esther Sumner, Joan Perkins, Betty Joy Kelly; (second row) Alida Carmichael, Jane Stanbery, Wayne Otto, Evelyn Ramsey; (front row) Pat Wing, John Whitehead, and Wendell Veach.

Those who were elected West high officers, shown being congratulated by Miss Putnam, the adviser of the society, are John Whitehead, vice-president; Wendell Veach, president; and Pat Wing, secretary.

SOLOISTS

Membership in the Honorary Musical Society, awarded on the basis of solo performance before an admission board, is the aim of every musician at West. Members this year were (seated, left to right) Janice Funnell, Genevieve Skinner, Lucy Abramson, Anita Lobdell, Flora Stanbery, Janice Waterman, Georganna Carmichael, and Virginia Brightup; (standing) Marion Quixley, Margaret Bates, Molly Ann Cousley, Lillyan Castronovo, Joyce Schmeling, Margaret Deetz, Richard Roe, Joan Willoughby, Sylvia Nielsen, Lois Ellen Black, Robert Nelson, and Elden Raasch. At the organ are Joan Perkins, Stanton Hyer, and Betty Joy Kelly.

The society's most important events last year were the annual banquet (below) and a recital given at the home of Miss Hollem, their adviser. Joy Kelly, accompanist, is shown (center) consulting with violinist Lloyd Istad before the recital.

ATHLETES

At the top, Wayne Otto, a trackster, is shown examining a relay baton with swimmers William Joslyn (left), Richard Dost, Henry Broquist, Gaillard Ellsworth, and James Murray.

In the center picture Mr. Blue is explaining the rules of membership to Joe Cuppini (left), football; Ray Nihan and Robert Rosecrance, golf; and Jerry Eklund and Robert Gustafson (seated), basketball.

Members who won their letters in football were (below, standing left to right) Dale Harkness, Edward Zielinski, Kent Moberg, Charles Watson; (seated) Gordon Logan, Joe Buscemi, James Shelden, and Edward LaForge.

Students who have received at least one athletic letter and rank above the school's average scholastically are eligible for membership in the National Athletic Scholarship society. Final recommendations to the society made by Mr. Blue are announced soon after the letter awards.

WRITERS

New members were initiated into the West High chapter of Quill and Scroll at the annual publications banquet. Publication workers who were elected to the society, shown receiving the oath from Richard Conklin, are (top, left to right) Grace Meenen, Alida Carmichael, Chad Brooks, Frank Rowley, Benny Bennett, Richard Shattuck, and Nick Guarino.

At the speakers' table during the banquet were (below) Mr. Roger Porter, 1937 Owl editor; Miss Martha Brown, Grace Meenen, Miss Obye; Dr. Roland Wolseley, guest speaker; William Nelson, and Alida Carmichael.

During the year, Quill and Scroll sponsors a number of nation-wide contests. Benny Bennett, shown receiving a medal from Miss Obye, has won national recognition in two such sports writing contests. Looking on are Alida Carmichael and Willard Mackey, each of whom has received two honorable mentions.

WHS FIRST PARADE

Each year members of debate squads from twenty or more high schools participate in a practice tournament, which this year was held in the Little Theater at East high. Among the schools which participated, besides East and West highs, were Elgin, Madison, Sterling, East and West Aurora, DeKalb and Freeport. Bill Hahn, East high debater, is shown giving instructions to the debaters. Miss Scandroli, Richard Cross, and Arthur Johnson may be seen in the group.

The evening of October 10, 1940, preceding the East-West football game, a rally and parade were held with 52 West high home rooms participating. The float from room 231, Miss Obye's home room, won first place because of originality. Vernie Lindstrom, supervising as general chairman, and his assistants, Fred Larson, Richard Johnston and Milton Lindquist, are shown adjusting the model airplanes which dropped miniature footballs instead of bombs upon doll-sized players.

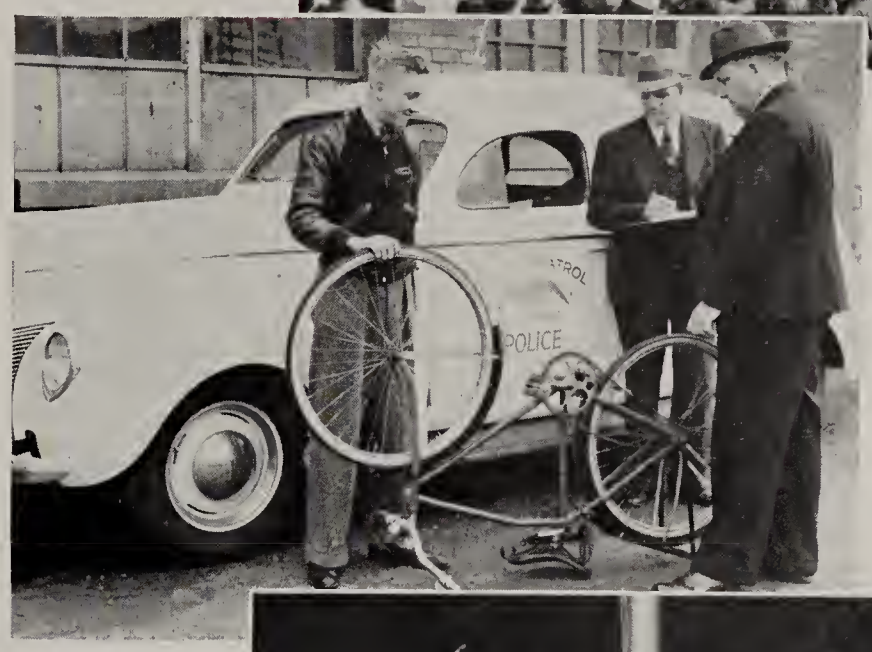
Winner of second prize for beauty in the homecoming parade was the float entered by Miss Johnson's home room. With Kenneth Fraley in charge of plans, an open car was decorated to resemble a covered wagon with the inscription "Victory Goes West." Cars from all home rooms made up the parade, whose purpose was to provide an opportunity for all pupils to express, in a dignified manner, their enthusiasm and loyalty to their school and teams.

Shown in last May's awards assembly are (left to right) Colonel Pell; Jack Brophy and Vernie Lindstrom, who received from Mr. Robert Rogan, the first Rockford Newspapers awards as the best Junior and Sophomore cadets; Keith Mulford, whose name was inscribed on the American Legion cup presented by Mr. Paul Kerr; Marion Arbogast, who received recognition on the ABL cup from Miss Mignon Erickson; Richard Welsh, who was presented the Charles J. Sowle award by Major Allen Brophy; and Mr. Blue.

MAKING OF HISTORY

Among the crowd who gathered at the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul railroad station on Tuesday morning, October 22, to hear Wendell Willkie, 1940 Republican presidential candidate, and several prominent Illinois Republicans speak when his special train stopped at Rockford, were the students and faculty of West high school. The Junior and Senior high schools were dismissed until eleven o'clock so that the students might have an opportunity to see and hear Mr. Willkie.

With the increase in popularity of the bicycle, it became necessary to instruct cyclists in certain rules of safety and to make sure that the bicycles ridden to school were mechanically safe. In order to do this, a drive was put on by the police department. In the picture at the right, Officers J. V. Ahlquist and Fritz Lindquist are shown as they examined a bicycle owned by Thorsten Bengston, taken behind the Rockford high school building.



Before the West high open house on October 15 the Walter Craig post of the American Legion presented an American flag to the school. The brief presentation ceremony opened with a bugle call to colors by the American Legion drum corps. While the flag was being raised the high school band played "The Star Spangled Banner." The picture (right) was taken as the flag was being presented to the school by Mr. Eugene Welsh (left), post commander.

At Christmas time the student council directed the home room collection of money for Christmas baskets. In the picture at right Barbara Caldwell (center), student council president, is shown as she presented a check to Mr. Paul Wollstadt, Goodfellow editor of the Rockford newspapers. Members of the student council who are looking on are (left to right) John DiMarzio, Harriette Ryan, Gerard LaFonde, Gordon Logan, Joan Perkins, Wendell Veach, and Lucy Goetz. Miss Putnam directed the activity.

SPEECHES, CEREMONY

Among the favored few who gained admission to Wendell Willkie's special train while it was stopped in Rockford between Elm and State Streets were three West high girls. These three, Audrey Sundberg and Jean and Betty Larson, were on the train during the time that Mr. Willkie made his speech. In the picture at left, the presidential candidate is shown as he addressed an estimated crowd of more than one hundred thousand men, women, and high school students.

On Tuesday evening, October 15, West high school was formally dedicated by Mr. Carlton K. Welsh, president of the Rockford Board of Education. An orchestra concert under the direction of Mr. Bornor, preceded the invocation by Dr. John Gordon. Mayor Charles Brown gave a greeting, after which Mr. Selmer Berg, Superintendent of Schools, introduced the board of education members. Mr. William F. Schmeling, chairman of the building and grounds committee, introduced other members of his committee and the technical staff.

Guests of the February graduates at their annual banquet on January 24, were the teachers of 12A home rooms and several other members of the faculty. Among the teachers who enjoyed the program planned by Albert Bendes, Esther Sumner, and Jon Wagner, were those shown in the picture at left. They are (left to right) Miss Obye, Miss Johnson, Mr. Hanson, Miss Beatty, Mr. Haight, Miss Ollman, and Miss Sheetz.

Miss Arlite Smith, three times national swimming champion, spoke to the girls of West high in the auditorium on Thursday, October 10. She showed motion pictures after her talk, in which she told the girls that she attributed her success to initiative, tenacity, and "a strong finish." In the picture (left) Jane Curtis (center) and Barbara Caldwell are shown adding Miss Smith's autograph to their collections, as Mr. Blue and Mr. Beyer (right) look on.

GRADS, OPEN HOUSE

Among the oldest members of the Rockford high school alumni association is Mrs. Ella Root (seated) of the 1862 graduating class. Miss Abbie Gregory, a 1912 alumna, is pictured with Mrs. Root. Cards similar to the one shown here were posted at all the tables to group alumni members, in ten divisions, according to class graduation. The banquet proved a great success, since about one thousand people were present for the dinner and program.

Last fall, shortly after the beginning of the school year, an open house was held. For three nights, the school was open so that the public could inspect the building; on the first of these nights the dedication ceremony was held in the auditorium. Although the visitors were impressed by the modern equipment in all parts of the building, the gymnasium, swimming pool, and industrial department, where the picture at the right was taken, were especially popular.

In this group are pictured the members of the Band Dads Association at one of their meetings. They are (left to right) Mr. Ray Dunberg, Mr. Barry Harvey, Mr. Loren Whitehead, their president; Mr. Shaler Smith, Mr. Blue, and Mr. Percy Glenny. Mr. Whitehead is reporting the number of donors for the Band's forty new uniforms, the raising of money for which was the Dads' most important project this year.

Mrs. Aurelia Towne (seated), as the oldest living member of the Rockford high school alumni association, was one of the guests of honor at the association banquet last June. Shown with Mrs. Towne is her nurse, Miss Ruth Lindquist. With the two are Dr. Fred Tindall (left), who was chairman of the dinner; and Mr. Francis Hickey, alumni president, who conceived the plan of calling the alumni together for a farewell to R. H. S.

LEADERS IN MUSIC,

In recognition of the excellent work in chemistry done by John Sibley, a graduate of Rockford high in 1939, who ranked among the first four in his class at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Institute presented a book to West high. The presentation was made by Mr. B. A. Thresher, a representative of M. I. T. John's parents (center) were present when the book, Furnas' "The Next Hundred Years," was given to Mr. Blue.

Winners in a poll of the Senior class conducted by the Daughters of the American Revolution were (left to right) Pat Wing, Betty Joy Kelly, who placed first, and Sally Carter. The purpose of the poll was to find the girl whom her classmates considered highest in the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. By winning, Betty Joy became eligible for entrance into a national contest with a trip to Washington, D. C., as first prize.

Each year in November the best players from high school orchestras all over the state travel to Urbana to play in the All-State orchestra. This group plays together for a day, then presents a concert before the Illinois high school conference. Those who were chosen to represent West high in the orchestra shown at left, were (left to right) Robert Nelson, violin; Betty Joy Kelly, bass; Nancy Williams, cello; and Mr. Bornor.

Another musical highlight of the annual high school conference at Urbana is the concert presented by the All-State chorus, accompanied by the All-State orchestra. Last fall's chorus sang under the direction of F. Olaf Menius, nationally known choral director. The singers from West who participated were (standing, left to right) Lowell Branning, Norma Johnson, Charles Clevenger, Betty Rogers, Norman Niman, Joan Perkins, and Gaylord Ring. Seated are (left), Margaret Lindquist, and Miss Humphreys.

WRITING, SPEAKING

At right Miss Gleynafa Terrell, social science instructor at Rockford high, is shown awarding books to the winners of three essay contests. Jacqueline Arnold (second from left), wrote the best essay from Rockford high for the American Magazine Youth Forum. Chad Brooks also received a book for writing an outstanding essay for this contest. Arlene Wickham (right) wrote the essay which placed first in a contest which was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Miss Scandroli is shown (right) congratulating two of the members of this year's debate team on their victories. Philip Nicolosi (center) received second place in a city-wide oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion. The subject of the talk, which he delivered later before a Senior assembly, was "Our Debt to Benjamin Franklin." Leon Rosensweig (right) placed first in the original oratory section of the conference speech tournament at Elgin, speaking on "Religion and Democracy."

Seen at right delivering the address at last year's Memorial Day assembly, the last held in Rockford high, is the Reverend Albert Loreen, pastor of the First Lutheran church. Before the speaker was introduced by Mr. Blue, Mr. Bornor led the assembly in the singing of several war songs, accompanied by Wesley Carlson at the organ. In his talk the speaker commented upon the conditions of Civil War times as applicable today.

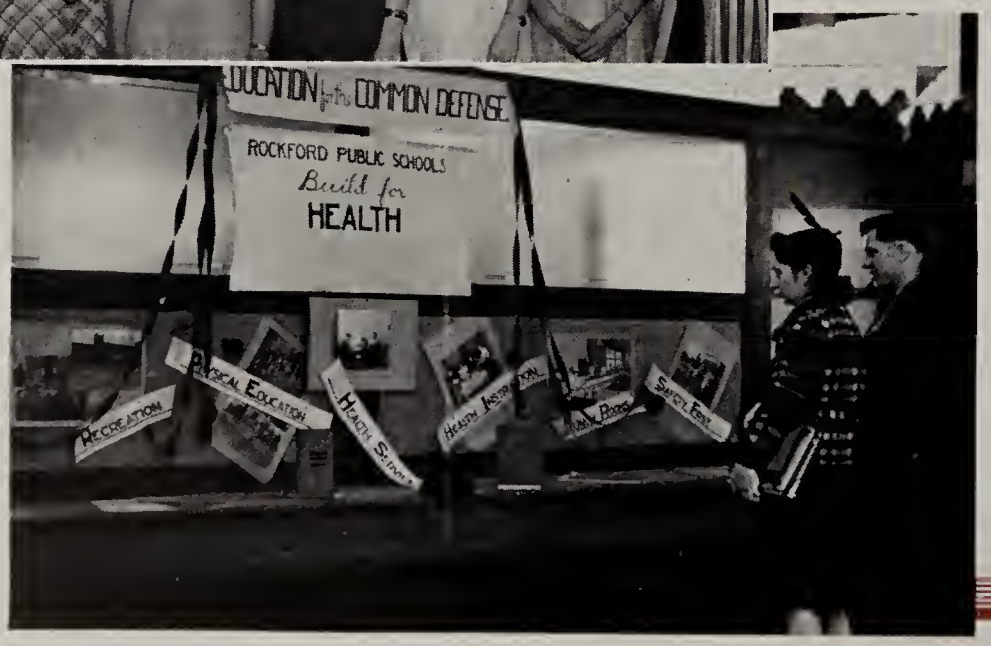
The Columbia Broadcasting System chose West high to represent the Middle West in a nation-wide broadcast early in March. The students selected to take part, shown at left, were (left to right) Marajean Pedlow, Leon Rosenzweig, James Lawrence, Margaret Bates, Marshall Wiley, Roger Reno, and Betsy Scone. The topic of their panel discussion, coached by Miss Pearson and Mr. Whitenack, was "Are Educational Opportunities Open to All?"

RIFLEMEN, EXHIBITS

The two outstanding members of the rifle team during 1940-41 have been James Shelden (left), range captain; and Armour Titus, assistant range officer; seen here with Sergeant Smith, rifle team coach. James has been a rifle team member for two years. He shoots higher scores than many college men in this corps area, as does Armour, who has three times been a member of teams which won the corps area and William Randolph Hearst matches.

During the spring of 1940, an exhibit was organized by Joe DiPuma, showing the books in the library of Rockford Senior high which had won for their authors Pulitzer prizes or Nobel prizes. Pulitzer prizes are awarded only to Americans while the Nobel prize for literature is given for the outstanding piece of writing in any language. Shown examining the books, some of which are "The Good Earth", "Alice Adams", and "So Big", are Kenneth Fraley and Janet Pfeiffer.

Shown on the night of their spring recital at Miss Hollem's house are the members of the Honorary Musical Society. In the group are Lucy Abramson, Dorothy Glomp, Margaret Price, Clara Mae Sandehn, Marion Quixley, Margaret Bates, Lawrence Hoffman, Wesley Carlson, Molly Ann Cousley, Shirley Marcellus, Phylis Braid, Pearl Anderson, Paul Gustafson, Kenneth Bird, Marilyn Muth, Watson Taylor, Frederick Meyer, Dick Kjellstrom, and Dick Johnson. Almost eighty friends and relatives of the members were present.



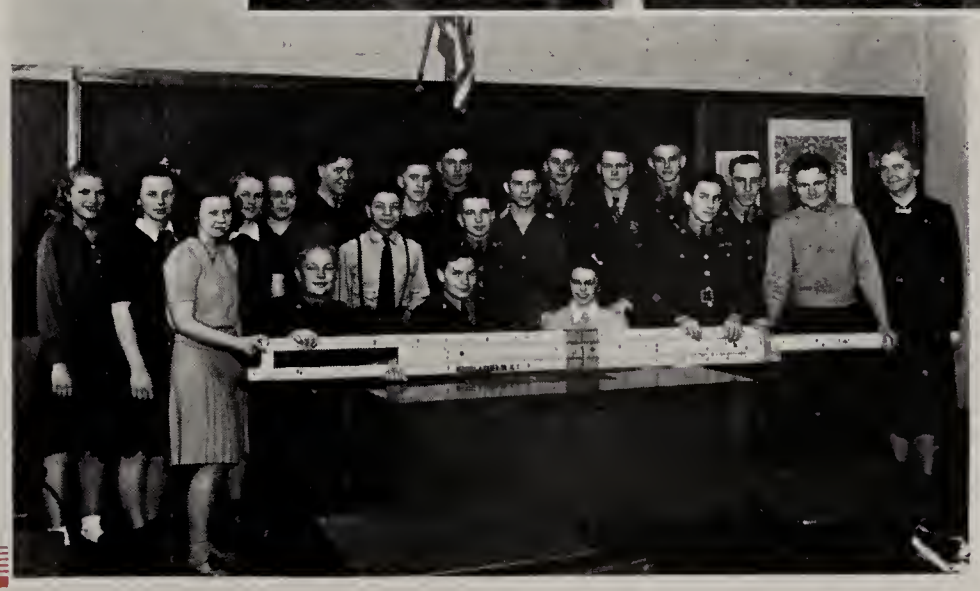
In November of 1940, American Education Week was observed in the Rockford schools. The Rockford Teachers' club, using the theme "Education for the Common Defense", called this observation to the attention of the public by sponsoring displays in several business house windows, including the Gas and Electric Building and the Rockford National Bank Building. The latter's exhibit was directed by Miss Wray, nurse, and displayed the health activities carried out within the schools.

EUCLIDEANS, MODELERS

In Miss Greenlee's world history and United States history classes all of the A and B students were required to make some kind of project. In the picture at right, David Meier is shown with the small cabin which he made to represent the homes of pioneers. Kathryn Hafey is holding a doll which she dressed to represent the typical woman of the French revolutionary period, and Edward Skridla is examining his catapult.

At some time during every year, the members of the Honorary Musical Society have a party which is given at Miss Hollem's home. The main part of the entertainment at this event is a recital in which the students provide the program, each member being obliged to do something for his share of the party. In the picture at the right, Dorothy Glomp is shown playing the piano in accompaniment to Frederick Meyer on the violin.

Members of the West Senior high school debate team this year, under the supervision of Miss Scandroli, were Anita Lobdell, Jacqueline Major, Marion Swanstrom, Roger Reno, Philip Nicolosi, Marshall Wiley, Roger Garst, Arthur Johnson, Leon Rosenzweig, and Richard Cross. Richard, who was an experienced member of the team, is shown at the left instructing the group in the methods of presenting a successful argument. As he spoke, the rest of the team took notes.



At the beginning of the second semester, students who wished to further their interest in mathematics, and to learn to solve trick problems, were invited to form a club later called the Euclidian Circle. Shown at a meeting are Dey, McDonald, Burris, Caldwell, Conklin, Jansen, Di Puma, Dickerson, Black, R. Smith, Pollard, McGinnis, Early, Martinson, G. Smith, Hancock, Beffa, Miss Slade; (seated) Joe Bryan, who served as program chairman; Bob Hogg, president; and Barbara Holly, secretary.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

In case the Annual's readers have not had time to become sufficiently acquainted with the building and its architectural designs to realize the significance of the colors and decorative borders in this book, the staff believes that an explanation might be illuminating.

The dusty pink of the borders was derived from the color of the bricks and tiles of which the building is constructed, and the blue on the special pages is derived from the window casings.

On the front of the building, under the second and third floor windows, are found the designs which were copied for the borders of the class and club sections. The fan-shaped border of the activities and honors sections is from the fresco over the north entrance; the zig-zag in the opening section is found over the main entrance.

The staff hopes, by presenting in this way these borders and frescoes, as well as the bas-reliefs which introduce the separate divisions, to have helped the readers to appreciate more than ever the careful design and decoration of the book.

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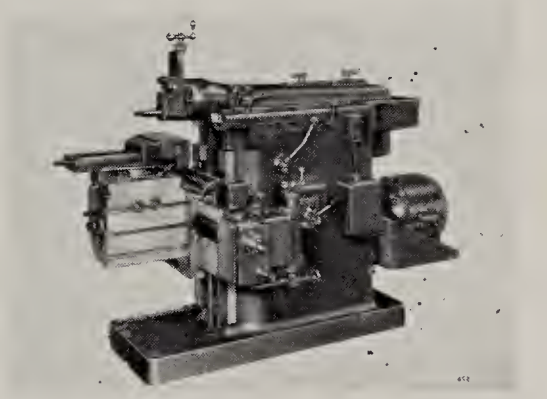

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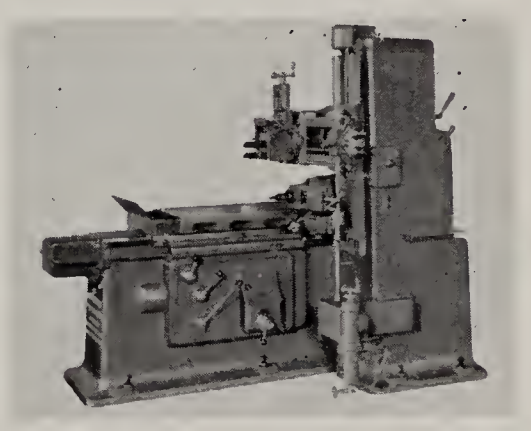

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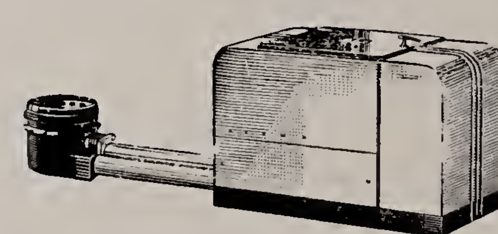

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See, Beth, I'll miss you this summer. I wish you could stay here. I don't believe that you realize just how much you mean to me. Don't forget the crazy times we had traveling around after council and on Sunday afternoons.

For some reason I can't seem to find anything funny (?) to say. You have such a nack at writing humerous notes, I'm so glad that you and John are coming along O.K. We can have so many good times this summer, I hope! I am very much afraid that you will win the race, but then, I don't care. He loves (?) me just the same, mabye. He is just a little bashful, oh yeah. That's one word for it.

To wind this up, I shall take this opportunity to wish you as did Dick, a early marriage and many children— that is to be expected — There isn't anything more to say - good luck - good health and much happiness. I'll always be willing to listen to you and try to help you in any way I can. all the love and affection in the world,

Yours "Auntie to be")

Dear Beth,
I think you're
swell but we
have raised so much
hell, "so there too." I have
never enjoyed a class so
much as I did Government.
You know you're lucky you'll
be out of here in '42", but it will take
me another three year. I will say good
by for now till next year when I will
still be here (maybe)

Nuts to You, Kent

Raymond Hiberg

Best of Luck -
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of fun. Remember
me and the fun
we have had.
Jim Johnson

You've been a
swell classmate, Beth,
and I wish you loads
of good luck in the future.
Bill Coy

Yours until
Starved Rock gets a
square meal.
Thomas Green

Good luck
to a good
little cook
we hope.
[illegible]

Dear Beth,
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it will last for years
to come.
Vidye Bartlett

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Your friend, indeed
Maxine —

Best wishes to a really swell girl,
maryjane wood

Dear Beth, Remember the good times we had in Foods class. Good luck in everything you undertake.
Ida Anderson

Dear Beth
You Next thursday
exams will be taking
have thinking and + be taking
its done had of a lot of you will be
worth many it of you. But we
exams. Luck anyhow. I'm so fun in
wish you so maybe
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Dear Beth,
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